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Zach is a member of RWG's Public Law Department. He advises local governments and other public agencies on a variety of transactional and advisory matters. His practice includes advising clients on land use law, planning and zoning laws, election law, CEQA, the Brown Act, the Political Reform Act, and other legal issues facing public agencies. He also assists staff with drafting and reviewing ordinances, resolutions, contracts, and staff reports; staffs City Council and Planning Commission meetings; and counsels clients with respect to new and pending legislation.

WORK FOR CLIENTS

Zach serves as Assistant City Attorney and Planning Commission Counsel for the City of Covina and as Assistant City Attorney for the City of Moorpark. He previously served as an Assistant City Attorney and Planning Commission Counsel for the City of Indio. Zach also represents cities and public agencies throughout California on complex land use, planning and CEQA matters.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Zach joined Richards, Watson & Gershon in 2017 as a Summer Associate. While in law school he externed for the Honorable Justice John L. Segal of the California Court of Appeal and clerked for the Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney, General Counsel Division. He was also a Comments Editor for the UCLA Law Review, a Writing Advisor, and a Research Assistant to Professor E. Tendayi Achiume.

PRACTICE AREAS

Municipal & Public Agency Law

FOCUS AREAS

Land Use Planning & Zoning (Municipal)

EDUCATION

J.D., University of California, Los Angeles School of Law

B.A., University of Wisconsin, Madison

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association

Member, International Municipal Lawyers Association

NEWS

California Court of Appeal Upholds Short-Term Rental Ordinance

02.10.2022

Governor Signs Executive Order Generally Suspending the Application of AB 361 until October 1, 2021

09.22.2021

Governor Signs Law Facilitating Virtual Meetings During Declared Emergencies

09.17.2021

PRESENTATIONS

2025 OC-APA Legislative Update

American Planning Association - Orange County, 04.23.2025

2022 Legislative Update

American Planning Association, Orange County Section, 04.28.2022

The Brown Act After COVID-19: Recent Developments, Enduring Challenges

CAALAC (City Attorneys Association of Los Angeles County), 02.17.2022

Virtual Public Meetings under AB 361: New Law, Familiar Challenges

Independent Special Districts of Orange County Quarterly Meeting, 10.28.2021

Shared Mobility: Ins and Outs

2020 League of California Cities Planning Commissioners Academy, 03.05.2020

Shared Mobility: Ins & Outs

ACC-OC (Association of California Cities Orange County) Lunch & Learn, 08.14.2019

Scooter Wars: Local Approaches to Regulating Shared Mobility Devices

City Attorneys' Spring Conference, 05.09.2019

PUBLICATIONS

New Laws of 2020 Series, Part 7: New Smog Check Requirement for Heavy-Duty Vehicles
California Special Districts Association, 12.09.2019

Shared E-Scooters: Proliferation, Litigation, and Regulation
California Litigation, Volume 32, No. 2, 09.2019