



2026 CHEAC Annual Meeting Workshop Session Biographies

DC Decoded: What the Federal Budget & Midterms Mean for Public Health

Tom Joseph, Vice President

Tom Joseph has devoted his decades-long career advocating for county health and human services programs. He worked for the National Association of Counties for 16 years, ultimately serving as Deputy Legislative Director for NACo. He then lobbied full time for Los Angeles County, spending seven years as one of their federal advocates. Tom is now a managing partner at Paragon Government Relations and works closely with CHEAC. His firm advocates for a number of California entities, including the California State Association of Counties, the County Welfare Directors Association, and six California counties.