

## MARK STIVERS

Mark Stivers is a consultant to the California State Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing, chaired by Senator Mark DeSaulnier, (D-Concord). Mr. Stivers is primarily responsible for bills relating to housing, including those that affect homelessness, state housing programs for low- and moderate-income families, housing elements and land use approvals for housing developments, the housing obligations of redevelopment agencies, manufactured housing, building codes and standards, and common interest developments.

Mr. Stivers has worked on legislation to create the state's Multifamily Housing and CalHome Programs, to increase state financing for affordable housing, to preserve California's affordable housing stock, to remove local barriers to housing development, to enhance the code enforcement capabilities of local governments, and to increase small business lending. This session Mark has been the lead staffer on SB 391, Senator DeSaulnier's bill to create a permanent source of revenue for affordable housing.

Before joining the committee staff in January 1999, Mr. Stivers worked as a legislative aide to Assemblyman Kevin Shelley where he focused on housing and environmental issues. In 1996-97, Mr. Stivers was an Assembly Fellow.

Mr. Stivers came to the Legislature from the field of fair housing. For five years he worked with non-profit fair housing organizations in the East Bay investigating claims of illegal housing discrimination and counseling complainants.