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Leslie Z. Walker is an associate with Abbott & Kindermann, LLP. She primarily practices in the areas of land use and environmental law.

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Ms. Walker stays current on CEQA and land use law, and closely follows the development of CEQA guidelines for greenhouse gas emissions and other state and federal laws related to climate change. She regularly posts articles to the firm's website and contributes to seminars on environmental law and climate change. Ms. Walker authored "Warming Up to Global Climate Change" for the Public Law Journal, and co-authored "In CEQA Litigation, When is an Agency Required to Include Internal Agency Emails in the Record of Proceedings?"

Ms. Walker's is the president of the Sacramento County Bar Association, Real Property Section and a member of the County Environmental Law Section. She sits of the board of the Sacramento Valley Chapter of the American Planning Association and is a member of the American Land Institute. Ms. Walker is a 2008 graduate of the Building Industry Association's leadership program, Building Universal Industry Leadership & Development.

Ms. Walker graduated from the University of California, San Diego in 1997 where she majored in Urban Studies and Planning and Spanish literature. After earning her B.A., she worked in environmental education for two years at the San Diego Natural History Museum and for four years at the San Diego Association of Governments conducting demographic research for a variety of environmental and planning programs, including general plans and housing elements.

In 2006, Ms. Walker graduated from McGeorge School of Law where she was president of the environmental law club. During law school, Ms. Walker had the privilege of working for the California Commission on State Mandates and clerking with the U.S. Department of Justice Environment and Natural Resources Division in Sacramento.

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