

**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS IN CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT  
2022 – 2023 SACRAMENTO SECTION ELECTION  
Candidate Statement**

**President Elect:            Sam Akkad**



**Classification:** Senior Bridge Engineer  
**Department:** Department of Transportation  
**Years of State Service:** 30

**Work Experience:**  
30 years in Caltrans as Transportation Engineer and Senior Bridge Engineer

**PECG Experience:**  
PECG Sacramento Section Member since 1990  
2019 Sacramento Section President Elect  
2020 Sacramento Section President  
2021 Sacramento Section Director

**Candidate Statement:**

I am running for the President-Elect position. My objectives for running for re-election remain: to preserve the interests of all PECG members, protect our jobs from outsourcing, preserve our health benefits, and protect our pensions.

On June 27, 2018, the Supreme Court struck down laws that authorize our union to negotiate contracts that require all employees to pay a fair share fee to cover the cost of collective bargaining. This ruling will have an enormous impact on the future of our union. New challenges are upon us, and to deal with these challenges, we need to adopt new tactics to adjust to the new environment while still reinforcing the benefits of union membership.

Currently, I am the director of the Sacramento section. During my tenure, I made it a point to meet and greet new Engineers and encourage them to join our union. I explained the benefits that the members enjoy, such as expert representation on employment and professional issues, lawyers experienced in representing state engineers.

I always was and always will carry your voice, your complaints to corporate. I will fight for your issues and help you deal with your claims.

**With your support, we can face these challenges and keep our union the best in the country.**