

## CANDIDATE STATEM EN T FOR PECG SACRAMENTO SECTION OFFICE 2019 ELECTION

NAME: Sam Akkad

YEAR: 2019-2020

CANDIDATE FOR President Elect

## WORK EXPERIENCE:

28 years in Caltrans as Transportation Engineer and Senior Bridge Engineer



## PECG EXPERIENCE:

PECG Sacramento Section Member since 1990

CLASSIFICATION: Senior Bridge Engineer

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Transportation

WORK LOCATION: 1801 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95816

YEARS OF STATE SERVICE: 29 Years

## CANDIDATE STATEMENT:

On June 27, 2018 the Supreme Court struck down laws 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 new ideas new leadership, and that is why I am running for the President Elect position.

Currently I am Vice President At Large, during my tenure, I made it a point to meet and greet new employees, encourage them to join our union. I explained the benefits that the members enjoy such as expert representation on employment and professional issues provided by labor relations consultants, lawyers who are experienced in representing state engineers.

When I am elected, I will utilize my knowledge, professional experiences and leadership skills to serve the Sacramento Section. I will work with you and with PECG officials to increase membership and develop the best strategies to deal with our changing environment and procure the best possible bargaining outcome for all of us.

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