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Erin Riches is Chief Consultant to the California State Senate Housing Committee, chaired by Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco). The committee was formed in December 2018, when the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee was split. The committees had been combined since 2005.

Ms. Riches joined the Transportation and Housing Committee in January 2013. She was primarily responsible for bills related to a variety of issues including driver's licensing, air quality, ports and goods movement, and federal transportation funding.

Before joining the committee, Ms. Riches worked for five and a half years as a policy consultant at the State Senate Office of Research, where she focused on housing, local government, land use, transportation, and veterans affairs issues.

From 1999 to 2007, Ms. Riches served as a policy analyst at the non-profit California Budget Project (later renamed the California Budget and Policy Center), focusing on issues including housing, local government, and transportation. Prior to that, Ms. Riches was a legislative aide to then-Assemblymember Michael Sweeney (D-Hayward). Ms. Riches began her career at the Assembly Speaker's Office of Majority Services and then the office of Assembly Speaker Willie L. Brown, Jr.

Ms. Riches earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in History and International Relations from the University of California, Davis and her Master of Public Policy and Administration from California State University, Sacramento.