



RYAN LESTER

PROJECT MANAGER

EDUCATION

Master of Arts, U.S. Social and Cultural History
California State University, Sacramento

Bachelor of Arts, U.S. History
California State University, Sacramento

EXPERIENCE

Mintier Harnish
Associate, Planner, Research Assistant

The League of California Cities
Member Services Representative

PROJECTS

General Plans for the Cities of American Canyon, Folsom, Gilroy, Kerman, Millbrae, Pleasant Hill, Solvang, Ukiah, and Union City, the Towns of Los Gatos, Truckee, and Windsor, and the Counties of Fresno, Kern, and Ventura

6th Cycle Housing Elements for the Cities of Carlsbad, Galt, Lompoc, Pleasant Hill, Shasta Lake, Solvang, St. Helena, and Visalia, and Del Norte County.

5th Cycle Housing Elements: Research Assistant for several update efforts

Objective Design and Development Standards for the cities of Folsom, Gilroy, Lakeport, Millbrae, Pleasant Hill, Santa Clara, South Lake Tahoe, and Ukiah, and the Town of Windsor

Additional Projects:
SJV REAP Housing Study and Technical Assistance Team, San Joaquin County Greenprint Phase II, SMUD Environmental Sustainability Plan, Sunset Area Plan Update (Placer County)

SOFTWARE/ WEB DESIGN

Adobe Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop
HTML and CSS
Microsoft Office

Ryan is a Project Manager who specializes in preparing general plan and housing element updates that are accessible, user-friendly, and engaging. Ryan crafts existing conditions and trends reports, land uses alternatives analyses, housing needs assessments, policy documents, and objective design standards for cities and counties throughout the state. Additionally, he constructs and implements community engagement programs, facilitates stakeholder interviews and community workshops, and leads study sessions with decision-makers and advisory groups. Further, Ryan develops available sites inventories, affirmatively furthering fair housing analyses, and implementation programs that are responsive to both State law and local context.

In ten years with Mintier Harnish, Ryan has worked on over a dozen General Plans and an equal number of housing elements. Among other projects, Ryan is currently leading six 6th-cycle housing elements and is drafting Objective Design and Development Standards for SB 35 compliance for several cities. Additionally, Ryan worked on the SJV REAP Housing Study and is on the Mintier Harnish team providing valleywide REAP-funded housing element technical assistance.

Ryan holds a Master's Degree in U.S. Social and Cultural History from California State University, Sacramento, as well as a Bachelor's Degree in U.S. History from the same institution.