



# Noel Tapia

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## Practice Areas

- [PUBLIC AGENCY LAW](#)
- [MUNICIPAL LAW](#)
- [LAND USE, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT](#)
- [GOVERNMENT RELATIONS/LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY](#)
- [CONTRACT LAW](#)

## Education

- Juris Doctor, University of California, Berkeley, 1999
- Master's Degree in City and Regional Planning, University of California, Berkeley, 1999
- Bachelor of Arts, University of California, Los Angeles, 1995

## Admissions

- California State Bar, 2000
- United States District Court, Central District of California, 2002

Noel Tapia is a Senior Partner at Alvarez-Glasman & Colvin, specializing in land use and environmental law. With decades of legal experience, he is a trusted advisor for both public and private entities, guiding them through complex challenges related to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and other regulatory frameworks. Mr. Tapia's work in CEQA compliance, from reviewing environmental studies to defending Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs) in trial, has made him an authority in the space.



As City Attorney for the cities of Commerce and Lynwood and Assistant City Attorney for several other public agencies, Mr. Tapia provides legal guidance covering a broad range of legal issues, including local zoning codes and specific plans. Mr. Tapia has successfully represented clients before city councils, planning commissions, and various governmental agencies. His bilingual proficiency in English and Spanish enhances his ability to serve diverse communities throughout California.

In addition to his expertise in environmental law, Mr. Tapia advises on matters such as the Public Records Act, the Ralph M. Brown Act, election law, and conflict of interest issues. His extensive knowledge allows him to provide clear and practical guidance in navigating the complexities of public and administrative law.

Mr. Tapia remains active in the legal community, frequently speaking on topics related to land use, CEQA compliance, and municipal law. His contributions to professional publications and involvement in key policy discussions ensure that his clients benefit from the most current legal strategies.

## Service, Awards, Publications, Speaking Engagements, and Other Professional Experience

- Fluent in Spanish