

Government Affairs Committee

Role of a Government Affairs Committee Member

We understand every member's ability to commit varies. We appreciate any time and resources that you may be able to devote to our government affairs advocacy on behalf of occupational therapy.

Regularly:

- Keep yourself informed about political issues related to occupational therapy and your area of practice. This could mean attending meetings and reading newsletters and journals related to occupational therapy and outside of occupational therapy such as other rehab professions. Communicate any important information to the Advocacy & Government Affairs chair(s) [HERE](#). Read the information that the committee chair(s) and OTAC send to you. Encourage this participatory mindset with your colleagues.
- Contact your area California elected officials to build a relationship with them. They need to know that you are an occupational therapy practitioner and that you can be a resource for them. Encourage all your colleagues to do the same. Be their Go-To-OT.
- Look for and monitor advisory groups and regulatory groups that affect your practice on a city, county, or state level. If you have the motivation and time, work to obtain a position of leadership with these groups or inform OTAC of possible opportunities.
- Respond when we ask you to review legislation for its impact on occupational therapy or to take direct action.

Occasionally:

- Attend or volunteer at an elected official's fund raiser or community event.
- Participate in committee virtual meetings.
- Testify in front of a legislative committee or CBOT.

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Diego/Imperial/Riverside*

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Los Angeles

Region 3

*California Coast: Marin to
Ventura*

Region 4

Central Valley/Eastern California

Region 5

*Northstate: San Joaquin to
Oregon border*