

Vanessa Marvin, State Director of Advocacy

Vanessa Marvin is the State Director of Advocacy for the American Lung Association in California. Vanessa has been with the Lung Association and for over ten years. As part of her work she leads the Center for Tobacco Policy & Organizing project, which provides technical assistance to local tobacco control projects and coalitions throughout California on the development of their policy campaigns and organizing strategies. Over the past ten years Vanessa has provided countless trainings to local coalitions and regional groups around the state on topics such as the Midwest Academy Strategy Chart, recruitment, working with elected officials, and coalition facilitation. Additionally, Vanessa leads the planning for the annual tobacco control Capitol Information and Educations Days, as well as several local events to educated state legislators.

Prior to joining the Lung Association, Vanessa worked as a community organizer on campaigns with Alaska Wilderness League, World Wildlife Fund, and PennPIRG. She is a graduate of the year-long environmental advocacy training program Green Corps and received a B.S. degree in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from Yale University.