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Brad Williams is currently a partner of Capitol Matrix Consulting, a firm serving clients dealing with state and local government fiscal issues. He has been involved in economic forecasting, state budgeting, and finances in Sacramento for 34 years, serving in both the executive and legislative branches of state government.

From 2007 to 2010, Mr. Williams was a consultant to the Assembly Appropriations Committee, where he was responsible for advising the committee on fiscal measures in the areas of taxation, local government, pensions, and labor. He was also involved in the development of the state budgets during this period, particularly in areas of taxation and local government financing.

From 1995 to 2007, Mr. Williams served in the non-partisan California Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) as its Chief Economist and as a director of Economics and Fiscal Forecasting. In that capacity, he was responsible for the office's economic and budget-related forecasts, as well as a variety of other issues relating to the overall state budget, economics, and taxes.

Prior to his time in the LAO, Mr. Williams served in numerous capacities, including as an advisor to State Treasurer Kathleen Brown and State Controller Kathleen Connell, and as Executive Director of the California Industrial Development Authority and the Commission on State Finance.

Based on a detailed Wall Street Journal comparison of economic projections made by banks, universities, and other forecasters over the full decade of the 1990s, Mr. Williams was recognized by the Journal as the most accurate forecaster of California's economy for that period.

Mr. Williams received his BA and MA in economics from the University of California, Davis.