



## **Anthony Russo | Russo McGarty & Associates**

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**Anthony Russo**, a partner at Russo McGarty & Associates, has a 26-year track record in government relations, political strategy and public policy. He specializes in providing strategic consulting to major corporations, professional associations, and initiative campaigns.

Anthony has led the fight on several successful political efforts including, but not limited to, No on Prop 10 (CA - Rent Control), No on I-185 (MT -Tobacco Taxes), and No on IM-25 (SD – Tobacco Taxes) in 2018, Yes on Prop 51 (CA - School Bond) and defeated two other tax increase measures (one in both North Dakota and Colorado) in 2016, Yes on Prop 26 (Taxes and Fees) in 2010, the successful 2006 Newport Beach general plan update, and a 20-year extension of Measure M (Orange County’s transportation half cent sales tax).

Anthony also provided leadership to the successful 2006 statewide infrastructure bond campaign – providing billions in funding to schools, transportation and housing, and in drafting Prop 64 (Stop Shakedown Lawsuits). Over the last 4 years, he’s also qualified several measures for the ballot – including Prop 51 (School Bond), and Props 65 (Bag Enviro Fee) and 67 (Referendum on Plastic Bag Ban) in 2016.

Anthony previously was Group Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs for the Irvine Company, one of the nation’s largest private real estate companies, known for its best-of-class portfolio of premier office, apartment, retail, resort and new community properties. There, he had responsibility for government affairs, political action, branding and communications.

Prior to joining the Irvine Company in 2003, Anthony managed several successful candidate and initiative campaigns as a sole proprietor and partner at McNally Temple Associates.

Anthony graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Southern California with a master’s degree in public administration and a bachelor’s degree in political science. He also is a graduate of the California State Assembly Fellowship Program. Anthony is a member of the Board of Directors of Golden Pacific Bank in Sacramento, and he served as a member of the Board of Directors of the New Majority of Orange County.