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Ring is currently a regular contributor to the *National Review*, *City Journal*, the Pacific Research Institute, *American Greatness*, and the *California Globe*. Before working as a policy analyst and journalist, Ring worked primarily for venture capital backed startups. From 2007 through 2010, while working for AlwaysOn Media, Ring designed and directed a series of "GoingGreen" conferences which showcased emerging clean technologies across all sectors of the economy. Held annually in San Francisco and Boston, these events drew clean technology entrepreneurs and investors from around the world.

In 2000 Ring founded the online environmental magazine *EcoWorld*, which he published for nine years. Up until sale in 2009, EcoWorld was a respected international voice promoting free-market environmentalism, something that is needed now more than ever. In 1998, Ring was involved in the formation and served as a founding director for Trees Water & People, an NGO that supports reforesting throughout Central America.

During the 1990s Ring was CFO, then CEO, for *Upside Magazine*, a pioneering publication covering the intersection of high-tech and venture capital. Ring was CFO for Play Industries in 1999-2000, the first company to develop and commercialize a desktop platform for digital video production and internet video broadcasting. In 2003, Ring was Director of Strategic Planning for Anuvu, one of the first companies to build a prototype fuel cell vehicle.

Ring is a prolific writer on the topics of energy and water policies, political reform, and sustainable economic development. He is the author of five books, *Fixing California* (2021), *The Future is Now* (2022), *The Abundance Choice: Our Fight for More Water in California* (2022), *The Best of EcoWorld: Nature and Technology in Harmony* (2023), and *Solutions: Innovative Public Policy for California* (2024). In addition to the publications listed above, his articles and columns have appeared in the *Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, San Jose Mercury, Orange County Register, Cal Matters, Real Clear Politics, <i>Epoch Times, The American Mind,* and other media outlets.

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