Scott Kaufman named editor of opinion and commentary coverage

Nov. 30 - Southern California News Group has appointed Scott Kaufman as Opinion Editor overseeing the editorial board and opinion content across its 11 daily newspapers and websites.


He replaces Brian Calle, who accepted a position to lead operations at LA Weekly. Kaufman now reports to SCNG President and Publisher Ron Hasse.

"The editorial stance will continue to reflect a thoughtful, credible and articulate voice that aspires to be correct, versus leaning left or right," Hasse said. "I fully support Scott’s editorial positions, which advocates for policies that advance economic freedom and individual liberty."

"Our opinion coverage provides a vitally important platform outside of our news gathering operation to facilitate a dialogue around issues that matter most to our communities," said Frank Pine, SCNG Executive Editor. "We are privileged to have Scott leading a team of opinion writers who elevate discourse among local thought leaders and reflect the interests of their respective communities."

"I am honored to accept the role as opinion editor At SCNG," Kaufman said. "It is our goal to advance constructive discussions and debate in our local communities, all of which are richly diverse and represent a variety of political viewpoints."

Previously, Kaufman served as deputy editorial editor for SCNG, and was public editor and an editorial writer at the Orange County Register.

Earlier in his career, Kaufman was a general assignment reporter for the Santa Barbara News-Press.

Southern California News Group’s Opinion team covers local, regional, state, and national political and public policy issues. The team produces editorials, columns, blogs, op-eds, letters to the editor, social media posts, editorial cartoons and community events.
About Southern California News Group

Southern California News Group operates 11 daily newspapers and associated websites in Southern California, including the Los Angeles Daily News, Daily Breeze in Torrance, Long Beach Press-Telegram, The Orange County Register, Pasadena Star-News, The (Riverside) Press-Enterprise, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, Whittier Daily News, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin (Rancho Cucamonga), The Sun in San Bernardino and Redlands Facts. When combined with its multiple weekly newspapers, Spanish-language products and social channels, SCNG reaches an audience of more than 10 million each week, with in-depth reporting and exclusive local news, politics, sports and entertainment relevant to the communities it serves. SCNG’s depth of services include Adtaxi, a company-owned digital organization that provides custom, performance-driven digital marketing solutions such as search, SEM, e-commerce, email, programmatic and social advertising. SCNG and Adtaxi are part of Denver-based Digital First Media. For media inquiries: emorgan@scng.com.