**Jim Wilson, Ph.D.**

Jim Wilson, Ph.D. is the Assistant Vice President for Political Affairs and Stakeholder Engagement for the National Apartment Association; he joined the NAA in August 2016. Jim is responsible for management and growth of NAA political affairs programs including NAAPAC NAA’s political action committee) and grassroots advocacy. Further, Jim will oversee NAA’s partnership and engagement with external stakeholders who share an interest in similar policy concerns. Finally, he directs efforts to increase the “practice of advocacy” by NAA affiliates and members in advocacy on behalf of the apartment industry. From 2016-2021, Jim was NAA’s Director of Political Affairs. He oversees fundraising and contribution programs for NAAPAC as well as NAA’s Advocacy365 grassroots program.

Prior to his role at the NAA, Jim was the Political Education Programs Manager for the American Medical Association from 2005-2016, conducting political education programs for AMA member physicians and their allies. In 2006, he was named a “Rising Star” by Campaigns & Elections magazine, as someone beginning to make their mark in political consulting or advocacy.

As a member of the Federal Election Commission’s Information Division from 2001 through October 2005, Jim responded to thousands of complex inquiries and provided training for federal campaign finance law to candidates, political parties and political action committees.

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