

Education

PhD, Political Science

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Master of Arts, Political Science

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Bachelor of Arts, Journalism

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Expertise

Community governance, policy and politics in small and rural communities, farmland and land use policy, local government finance and organization, state-local relations, California politics and public policy, and community leadership

Experience

Mintier & Associates

Senior Associate

Public Policy Specialist, Emeritus

University of California Cooperative Extension

Professor of Political Science

University of California, Davis

Projects

- * Merced County General Plan
- * City of Woodland Urban Limit Line and Open Space Protection Study



Alvin Sokolow is a Senior Associate with Mintier & Associates. He is also a Public Policy Specialist, Emeritus, at the University of California Cooperative Extension. Housed on the UC Davis campus, he continues to research and teach in the areas of farmland policy, community governance, public finance, and California politics. In cooperation with the American Farmland Trust, he recently completed the National Assessment of Agricultural

Easement Programs, a study of the impact and effectiveness of the agricultural easement technique. He is also completing a study of agricultural-urban edge conflicts in California, in collaboration with several UC Cooperative Extension farm advisors.

In recent years, Mr. Sokolow has researched and given numerous presentations on a wide range of farmland and land use policy topics, including public finance implications, the political roots of farmland protection, agricultural-urban edge conflicts, and optional conservation techniques. Mr. Sokolow is associate director for rural-urban issues of the UC Agricultural Issues Center. Prior to joining Cooperative Extension in 1992, he was a Professor of Political Science at UC Davis for 27 years, teaching and conducting research on local government, California politics, and American federalism.