

Ryan Jackson serves as Executive Director of LA Compost, leading the organization's work to build a more connected and sustainable Los Angeles through community-based composting.

With over 15 years of experience in local government in both Los Angeles and San Francisco, Ryan has seen firsthand that the most transformative programs are those where everyone sees themselves as a stakeholder—whether it's residents properly disposing of hazardous waste, public utility workers installing green infrastructure, nonprofit partners resourcing new initiatives, or neighborhood volunteers caring for the soil.

Ryan's introduction to LA Compost came during the isolation of the COVID-19 pandemic, when he witnessed residents from across the county bringing food scraps to drop-off locations, exchanging gardening tips, and supporting one another through acts of environmental care. That experience reaffirmed for him that composting is more than a waste solution—it's a way to build community and reconnect with the land.

Now, as Executive Director, Ryan is honored to carry forward the movement that LA Compost's founder, Michael Martinez, and the community have built—one rooted in care for people, the land, and future generations.