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From 1999 to 2007, Ms. Riches was a policy analyst at the non-profit California Budget Project, analyzing budget issues related to housing, local government, and transportation, as well as authoring numerous reports.

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