

Honoring  
**RICHARD B. COHEN**  
On His Retirement

***WHEREAS,** Richard B. Cohen, Business Taxes Compliance Supervisor II in the West Covina Office, will retire on December 28, 2012, after close to twelve years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and*

***WHEREAS,** Richard began his career with the Board of Equalization on March 1, 2001, as a Business Taxes Representative in the Riverside Office; and*

***WHEREAS,** as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, Richard advanced to positions of increasing responsibility, moving through the Business Taxes Representative series of A to C; and*

***WHEREAS,** Richard accepted a promotion to Business Taxes Compliance Specialist on June 27, 2005, in the West Covina Office. He demonstrated an exceptional ability in developing the Customer Service staff, providing each with motivation, experience, and tools necessary for providing taxpayers with the best possible service; and*

***WHEREAS,** throughout his many years of service, Richard has served the people of this state with fairness and dedication: Therefore be it*

***RESOLVED,** that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Richard B. Cohen our sincere and grateful appreciation for his dedicated service to the State Board of Equalization and to the State of California, our congratulations on his well-earned retirement, and our best wishes to him and his family for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.*

*Adopted at Sacramento, California, this thirty-first day of May 2012, by the State Board of Equalization.*

Honoring  
**GREY GOMEZ**  
On Her Retirement

***WHEREAS,** Grey Gomez, Business Taxes Specialist I in the Van Nuys Office, retired on April 30, 2012, after thirty-two and one-half years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and*

***WHEREAS,** Grey began her career with the Board of Equalization on August 31, 1979, as a Tax Auditor in the West Los Angeles Office; and*

***WHEREAS,** as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability she advanced to positions of increasing responsibility, first earning appointment to the position of Associate Tax Auditor on December 1, 1989, in the Culver City Office; and*

***WHEREAS,** she promoted to Business Taxes Specialist I on June 1, 1993, in the Hollywood Office; and*

***WHEREAS,** Grey promoted to Supervising Tax Auditor I on October 1, 1993, in the Culver City Office, and upon completion of her probation she voluntarily returned to the position of Business Taxes Specialist I; and*

***WHEREAS,** she transferred to the Van Nuys Office on December 1, 1998, where she continued her work as lead auditor on the most difficult audits; and*

***WHEREAS,** throughout her many years of service, Grey has served the people of this state with fairness and dedication: Therefore be it*

***RESOLVED,** that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Grey Gomez our sincere and grateful appreciation for her dedicated service to the State Board of Equalization and to the State of California, our congratulations on her well-earned retirement, and our best wishes to Grey for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.*

*Adopted at Sacramento, California, this thirty-first day of May 2012, by the State Board of Equalization.*

Honoring  
**JESSIE A. ONG**  
On Her Retirement

**WHEREAS**, *Jessie A. Ong, Business Taxes Specialist II in the Van Nuys Office, retired on December 1, 2011, after thirty-one years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Jessie began her career with the Board of Equalization on August 11, 1980, as a Tax Auditor in the Hollywood Office; and*

**WHEREAS**, *as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability she advanced to the positions of increasing responsibility, first earning appointment to the position of Associate Tax Auditor on February 1, 1984, in the West Los Angeles Office; and*

**WHEREAS**, *she promoted to Business Taxes Specialist I on November 1, 1986, in the Torrance Office, and Supervising Tax Auditor I on September 1, 1987, in the Hollywood Office, and upon completion of her probation, she voluntarily returned to the position of Business Taxes Specialist I; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Jessie transferred to the Van Nuys Office on October 31, 1994, due to the closure of the Hollywood Office. She promoted to Business Taxes Specialist II in the Van Nuys Office on August 1, 2009, where she was the lead technical advisor to the audit staff working on the most difficult audits; and*

**WHEREAS**, *throughout her many years of service, Jessie has served the people of this state with fairness and dedication: Therefore be it*

**RESOLVED**, *that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Jessie A. Ong our sincere and grateful appreciation for her dedicated service to the State Board of Equalization and to the State of California, our congratulations on her well-earned retirement, and our best wishes to Jessie for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.*

*Adopted at Sacramento, California, this thirty-first day of May 2012, by the State Board of Equalization.*

Honoring  
**GORDON F. RALYEA**  
On His Retirement

***WHEREAS**, Gordon F. Ralyea, a Business Taxes Administrator II in the San Diego Office, retired on April 1, 2012, after more than thirty-nine years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and*

***WHEREAS**, Gordon began his career with the Board of Equalization on October 15, 1974, as a Tax Auditor II; and*

***WHEREAS**, as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, he advanced to positions of increasing responsibilities. On November 1, 1978, he was appointed to the position of Associate Tax Auditor, on February 1, 1982, he was appointed to the position of Staff Tax Auditor; and*

***WHEREAS**, on August 22, 1983, he was appointed to the position of Assistant to Board Member, on July 1, 1984, he was appointed to the position of Deputy to Board Member, on August 31, 1984, he returned to his position of Staff Tax Auditor, on October 1, 1984, he returned to the position of Assistant to Board Member, and on October 15, 1984, he returned to his position as a Staff Tax Auditor; and*

***WHEREAS**, on March 1, 1985, he was appointed to the position of Business Taxes Administrator I, and on October 24, 1990, he was appointed to the position of Business Taxes Administrator II; and*

***WHEREAS**, throughout his many years of service, Gordon has served the people of this state with fairness and dedication: Therefore be it*

***RESOLVED**, that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Gordon F. Ralyea our sincere and grateful appreciation for his dedicated service to the State Board of Equalization and to the State of California, our congratulations on his well-earned retirement, and our best wishes to him and his family for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.*

*Adopted at Sacramento, California, this thirty-first day of May 2012, by the State Board of Equalization.*

Honoring  
**RITA ROGERS**  
On Her Retirement

**WHEREAS**, Rita Rogers, Tax Technician II in Culver City Office, will retire on May 31, 2012, after twenty-nine years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

**WHEREAS**, Rita began her career with the Board of Equalization as an Office Assistant II (Typing), and through diligent effort and dedication to the Board, advanced through the ranks to this present position; and

**WHEREAS**, she performed her duties throughout her service to the Board in a conscientious and responsible manner; and

**WHEREAS**, she has consistently responded with ingenuity, imagination and foresight to the duties and responsibilities given her, fulfilling them with outstanding accuracy and competency; and

**WHEREAS**, Rita has set an example of dedication to principle which has been an inspiration to her fellow employees; and

**WHEREAS**, she, in all her endeavors has reflected great credit upon the Board and the Sales and Use Tax Department: Therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Rita Rogers our sincere and grateful appreciation for her dedicated service to the State Board of Equalization and to the State of California, our congratulations on her well-earned retirement, and our best wishes to her and her family for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

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