

Honoring  
**MICHAEL L. HALE**  
On His Retirement

***WHEREAS,** Michael L. Hale, Business Taxes Specialist II in the Information Security Office, Administration Department will retire on June 30, 2014, after more than twenty-five years of service to the State of California and the California State Board of Equalization; and*

***WHEREAS,** Michael began his career with the Board of Equalization on December 18, 1988, as a Business Taxes Representative, in the Ukiah Office and being assigned a faded yellow Dodge Omni; and*

***WHEREAS,** he transferred to the Sacramento Headquarters Office and accepted a position in the Return Review Section and promoted to the position of Tax Compliance Specialist; and*

***WHEREAS,** Michael decided to play undercover agent and transferred to the Cigarette Taxes Enforcement Team in the Excise Taxes Division where Michael was assigned to the Mexican Border and had many adventures with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and Customs; and*

***WHEREAS,** he then transferred to Special Taxes where they promoted him to Business Taxes Specialist; and*

***WHEREAS,** the Internal Audit and Security Division hired Michael as the Board of Equalization's Business Continuity Coordinator entrusting him with the plans for continuing operations following a disaster; when the Internal Audit and Security Division was disbanded, Michael moved to the Administration Department, in the Information Security Office where he has proven his acumen as a Continuity Coordinator and made many new friend: Therefore be it*

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

*Adopted at Sacramento, California, this twenty-second day of April 2014, by the State Board of Equalization.*

Honoring  
**PATRICIA GOUVEIA**  
On Her Retirement

**WHEREAS**, Patricia Gouveia, Information Systems Technician Specialist I in the Technology Services Department, will retire on May 31, 2014, after over twenty-five years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the California State Board of Equalization; and

**WHEREAS**, Patricia began her career with the Board of Equalization on October 13, 1988, as a Mailing Machines Operator I in the Administration Department; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of her outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, she was appointed to the position of Computer Operator on March 1, 1991, and Information Systems Technician Specialist I on June 11, 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, she became a mentor with the Board of Equalization's (BOE) mentoring program, assisting in meeting the BOE's third goal of the 2010-2015 Strategic Plan; enhancing the development of professional growth for a diverse workforce from March 2013 through May 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout her many years of service, Patricia 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 Patricia Gouveia our sincere and grateful appreciation for her dedicated service to the California 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.

Adopted at Sacramento, California, this twenty-second day of April 2014,  
by the State Board of Equalization.

Honoring  
**CAROLEE D. JOHNSTONE**

*On Her Retirement*

**WHEREAS**, *Carolee D. Johnstone, Tax Counsel III, Specialist, Tax and Fee Programs Division, in the Legal Department, will retire on May 1, 2014, after over ten years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the California State Board of Equalization; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Carolee began her career with the Board of Equalization as a Clerk I in 1968 to 1969 in the San Diego Office and returned thirty-five years later, on June 1, 2005, as a Tax Counsel in the Legal Department of the Board of Equalization; and*

**WHEREAS**, *as a result of diligent work, demonstrated ability, and increasing responsibility, Carolee went on to excel in the Legal Department in the position of Tax Counsel III, Specialist, in the Business Taxes and Fees Section of the Tax and Fee Programs Division in November 2007; and*

**WHEREAS**, *in 2007, in recognition of her superior work performance, Carolee was awarded an Individual Recognition Award, Business Taxes and Fees Section of the Tax and Fee Programs Division, and in 2011, she was nominated for an Individual Recognition Award by the Property and Special Taxes Department, and in recognition of her exemplary service, she received an Individual Recognition Award, Business Taxes and Fees Section of the Tax and Fee Programs Division; and*

**WHEREAS**, *throughout her career, Carolee has served the people of this state with fairness and dedication, and proven her willingness and ability to provide quality and exceptional service; and has earned the respect and admiration of management and coworkers for her knowledge, outstanding work ethic, and passion for the law: Therefore be it*

**RESOLVED**, *that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Carolee D. Johnstone our sincere and grateful appreciation for her dedicated service to the California 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.*

*Adopted at Sacramento, California, this twenty-second day of April 2014, by the California State Board of Equalization.*

*Honoring*  
**ELWYN C. JONES**  
*On His Retirement*

**WHEREAS**, *Elwyn C. Jones, Tax Technician III in the Sales and Use Tax Department's Sacramento Out-of-State Office, will retire on April 30, 2014, after six years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the California State Board of Equalization; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Elwyn began his career with the Board of Equalization on December 2, 2008, as a Tax Technician I in the Special Taxes Compliance Branch; and*

**WHEREAS**, *on November 22, 2010, he advanced to the position of Tax Technician II with the Sales and Use Tax Department's Sacramento Out-of-State Office; and*

**WHEREAS**, *with further diligence and hard work on January 31, 2013, he promoted to Tax Technician III; and*

**WHEREAS**, *throughout his many years of service, Elwyn 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 Elwyn C. Jones our sincere and grateful appreciation for his dedicated service to the California 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 twenty-second day of April 2014, by the California State Board of Equalization.*

Honoring  
**ROBERTA RAMIREZ**  
On Her Retirement

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Roberta Ramirez, Administrative Assistant II in the Technology Services Department, will retire on August 1, 2014, after over thirty-seven years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the California State Board of Equalization; and

**WHEREAS**, Roberta began her career with the Board of Equalization on November 12, 1981, as a Stenographer in the Legal Administration Department; 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 Senior Stenographer, and after ably serving the Legal Administration Department, advancing to the positions of Executive Secretary I and Administrative Assistant I; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of Roberta's outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, she was appointed to the position of Administrative Assistant II on January 1, 1993; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout her many years of service, Roberta 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 Roberta Ramirez our sincere and grateful appreciation for her dedicated service to the California 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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Honoring  
**YVETTE WILSON**  
On Her Retirement

**WHEREAS**, *Yvette Wilson, Staff Information Systems Analyst - Specialist in the Sales and Use Tax Department's Compliance and Technology Section, will retire on April 30, 2014, after twenty-four years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the California State Board of Equalization; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Yvette began her career with the Board of Equalization on September 5, 1989, as a Business Taxes Representative in the West Covina Office; after ably serving West Covina she transferred to the Riverside Office in February 1990, transferred to the Out-of-State District – Sacramento Office in July 1992, and then transferred to the Centralized Collection Section in Headquarters in June 1996; 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 Business Taxes Specialist with the Excise Taxes Division of the Special Taxes Department in May 1999; and*

**WHEREAS**, *in recognition of her proven professionalism, she was promoted to the position of Staff Information Systems Analyst – Specialist in July 2003 in the Compliance and Technology Section; and*

**WHEREAS**, *throughout her many years of service, Yvette 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 Yvette Wilson our sincere and grateful appreciation for her dedicated service to the California 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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