

Honoring
DAVID BACON
On His Retirement

***WHEREAS**, David Bacon, Senior Programmer Analyst (Specialist) in the Technology Services Department, retired on December 31, 2014, after more than nineteen years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the California State Board of Equalization; and*

***WHEREAS**, David began his career with the California Public Employees' Retirement System on June 12, 1995, as an Associate Programmer Analyst (Specialist) in the Retirement Contribution Unit; and*

***WHEREAS**, after ably serving the California Public Employees' Retirement System, he transferred to the Board of Equalization as an Associate Programmer Analyst (Specialist) on February 13, 1996, within the Technology Services Department; and*

***WHEREAS**, as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, he advanced to positions of increasing responsibility as a Staff Programmer Analyst (Specialist), on September 1, 1998, in the Corporate Registration Unit; and*

***WHEREAS**, in recognition of David's outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, he was appointed to the position of Senior Programmer Analyst (Specialist) on August 2, 2006; and*

***WHEREAS**, throughout his many years of service, David 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 David Bacon 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-first day of January 2015, by the State Board of Equalization.

Honoring
RICHARD BENGSTON
On His Retirement

WHEREAS, *Richard Bengston, Associate Tax Auditor in the Sales and Use Tax Department/Houston Out-of-State Office, retired on December 30, 2014, after twenty-two years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the California State Board of Equalization; and*

WHEREAS, *Richard began his career with the Board of Equalization on June 1, 1993, as a Tax Auditor in the Torrance Office; and*

WHEREAS, *in recognition of his outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, he was appointed to the position of Associate Tax Auditor in the Houston Out-of-State Office on February 1, 1999; 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 Bengston 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.*

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Honoring
CARL BESSENT
On His Retirement

***WHEREAS,** Carl Bessent, Tax Counsel III Specialist in the Appeals Division of the Legal Department, retired on December 30, 2014, after twenty-seven and nine months of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the California State Board of Equalization; and*

***WHEREAS,** Carl began his legal career with the Public Employment Relations Board in September 1983 as a Graduate Legal Assistant and then was appointed to the position of Legal Counsel in May 1984; and*

***WHEREAS,** Carl began his career with the Board of Equalization in January 1988 as an Attorney in the Franchise Income Tax Division of the Legal Department; he also worked as an Attorney in the Property Tax Division of the Legal Department beginning in 1991, and as an Attorney in the Appeals Division – Sales and Use Tax of the Legal Department, beginning in 1993; and*

***WHEREAS,** as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, in May 1996 while working in the Appeals Division – Sales and Use Tax, Carl earned an appointment to the position of Tax Counsel III Specialist; and*

***WHEREAS,** in recognition of his outstanding technical skills and proven professionalism, Carl went on to excel in the Appeals Division – Franchise Income Tax of the Legal Department in the position of Tax Counsel III Specialist from 2004 until his retirement; and*

***WHEREAS,** throughout his career, Carl has served the people of this state with fairness and dedication, and proven his willingness and ability to provide quality and exceptional service; has earned the respect and admiration of management and coworkers for his knowledge, mentorship, camaraderie, and kindness; and, will be greatly missed by all: Therefore be it*

***RESOLVED,** that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Carl Bessent 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.*

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Honoring
ALICE CANTU
On Her Retirement

WHEREAS, *Alice Cantu, Business Taxes Compliance Specialist in the Fresno Office, retired on December 31, 2014, after thirty-four years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the California State Board of Equalization; and*

WHEREAS, *Alice began her career with the Employment Development Department on September 23, 1980, as an Employment and Claims Assistant; 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 Office Assistant II (Typing), and after ably serving the Employment Development Department, she moved to the Board of Equalization, Sales and Use Tax Department, advancing to the positions of Supervising Case Records Technician, Program Technician II, Tax Technician II, and Business Taxes Representative; and*

WHEREAS, *in recognition of her outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, she was appointed to the position of Business Taxes Compliance Specialist in the Fresno Office on October, 2012; and*

WHEREAS, *throughout her many years of service, Alice 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 Alice Cantu 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
QUIRINO "WILLIE" JACQUES
On His Retirement

WHEREAS, Quirino "Willie" Jacques, Business Taxes Specialist I-Audit Reviewer, in the Fresno Office, retired on December 31, 2014, after twenty-nine years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the California State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Willie began his career with the Board of Equalization on June 17, 1985, as a Tax Auditor in the Fresno Office; and

WHEREAS, as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, he advanced to positions of increasing responsibility, first earning appointment to the position of Associate Tax Auditor; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, he was appointed to the position of Business Taxes Specialist I on May 13, 2013; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many years of service, Willie 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 Quirino "Willie" Jacques 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.

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Honoring

RHONDA KRAUSE

On Her Retirement

WHEREAS, *Rhonda Krause, Business Taxes Specialist II in the Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office, will retire on February 18, 2015, after twenty-three years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the California State Board of Equalization; and*

WHEREAS, *Rhonda began her career with the Board of Equalization on September 21, 1992, as a Tax Auditor in the Marysville Office, and then continued in that capacity in the Local Revenue Allocation Section and the Refund Section – Allocation Group; and*

WHEREAS, *as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, she advanced to positions of increasing responsibility, first earning promotion on March 10, 1997, to the position of Associate Tax Auditor in the Allocation Section, and then appointment to Research Analyst II in the Agency Planning and Research Division on July 1, 1998. After ably serving as a Research Analyst II Rhonda moved to the Offers in Compromise Section on April 7, 2000, advancing to the position of Business Taxes Specialist I; and*

WHEREAS, *in recognition of her outstanding leadership skills, technical skills, and proven professionalism, Rhonda was appointed to the position of Business Taxes Specialist I in the Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office on April 7, 2003, and promoted to Business Taxes Specialist II on December 3, 2007; and*

WHEREAS, *throughout her many years of service, Rhonda has served the people of this state with fairness and dedication; has earned Leadership Awards for each of the past fifteen years for her charitable contributions; and is ending her career in the Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office, where she designed, created, and maintained the office's databases and served its technology needs, while providing nearly twelve years of compassionate, resourceful, and expert assistance to taxpayers: Therefore be it*

RESOLVED, *that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Rhonda Krause 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
RUDY MENDEZ
On His Retirement

***WHEREAS**, Rudy Mendez, Supervising Tax Technician III in the Sales and Use Tax Department, Sacramento Out-of-State Office, retired on December 30, 2014, after forty years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the California State Board of Equalization; and*

***WHEREAS**, Rudy began his career with the Franchise Tax Board on October 31, 1974, as a Seasonal Clerk. As a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, he advanced to positions of increasing responsibility, first earning appointment to the position of Office Clerk with the Department of Social Services; and*

***WHEREAS**, after ably serving the Department of Social Services, he moved to the Employment Development Department, the Department of Health, and the Board of Equalization, advancing to the positions of Technician Trainee, Office Technician, Senior Account Clerk, and Office Services Supervisor II and III; and*

***WHEREAS**, in recognition of his outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, he was appointed to the position of Supervising Tax Technician III in the Sacramento Out-of-State Office where he served out his career; and*

***WHEREAS**, throughout his many years of service, Rudy 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 Rudy Mendez 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.*

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