

Honoring
DIANE K. DEWITT
On Her Retirement

***WHEREAS**, Diane K. DeWitt, Office Services Supervisor III in the Return Analysis Unit, Business Tax and Fee Department, will retire on August 31, 2016, after thirty-eight years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State Board of Equalization and the State of California; and*

***WHEREAS**, she began her career with the State Board of Equalization in March 1978, as an Assistant Clerk in the Central Files Unit, in Sacramento; 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 I in June 1978; then to Office Assistant II in August 1982; Microfilm Technician I in August 1985; and Office Services Supervisor I in March 1987; and*

***WHEREAS**, after ably serving in the Central Files Unit, she moved to the Account Analysis Unit advancing to positions of Office Services Supervisor II in October 1990, and Office Services Supervisor III in the Return Analysis and Allocation Section in July 1994; and*

***WHEREAS**, Diane has served the people of this state with fairness and dedication during her long tenure with the State Board of Equalization; her leadership abilities have been instrumental to the successful administration of various goals within the Business Tax and Fee Department and has significantly contributed to the mission and goals of the State Board of Equalization: Therefore be it*

***RESOLVED**, that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Diane K. DeWitt 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.*

Adopted at Sacramento, California, this fourteenth day of July 2016, by the State Board of Equalization.

Honoring
CHRIS H. DREWS
On His Retirement

***WHEREAS**, Chris H. Drews, Business Taxes Specialist II in the Data Analysis Section, will retire on July 31, 2016, after more than thirty-five years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and*

***WHEREAS**, Chris began his career with the Board of Equalization on June 8, 1981, as a Tax Auditor in the Redding Office and remained in this position when he transferred to the Santa Rosa Office on April 1, 1982; 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 on July 29, 1985, and then promoting to a Staff Tax Auditor on April 1, 1993, both within the Out-of-State Sacramento Office. He continued in his position as a Business Taxes Specialist I when he transferred to the Centralized Review Section in Headquarters on May 1, 1996, and then later transferred to the Field Support and Evaluation Section on July 31, 2003, which became the Data Analysis Section on January 30, 2009; and*

***WHEREAS**, in recognition of his outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, he was appointed to the position of Business Taxes Specialist II on March 18, 2013, where he served the Data Analysis Section until his retirement; and*

***WHEREAS**, throughout his many years of service, Chris 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 Chris H. Drews 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 for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.*

Adopted at Sacramento, California, this fourteenth day of July 2016, by the State Board of Equalization.

Honoring
RANDY FERRIS
On His Retirement

WHEREAS, Randy Ferris, Chief Counsel of the Board of Equalization, will retire on September 9, 2016, after twenty years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Randy began his career with the Board of Equalization on July 1, 1996, as a Tax Counsel in the Legal Department; and

WHEREAS, as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, and increasing responsibility, Randy earned an appointment to the position of a Tax Counsel III (Specialist) in the Legal Department in July 2001; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding technical skills and proven professionalism, Randy went on to excel in the Legal Department in the positions of Tax Counsel III (Supervisor), in June 2005; then to a Tax Counsel IV, in February 2006; then to the position of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Tax and Fee Programs Division in the Legal Department, in April 2008; and appointed on March 21, 2012, as Chief Counsel; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Randy 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, friendliness, and wit; and, will be missed by all: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Randy Ferris 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 fourteenth day of July 2016, by the State Board of Equalization.

Honoring
KENNETH CHAN LEUNG

On His Retirement

WHEREAS, *Kenneth Chan Leung, Business Taxes Specialist I, Petitions Section, in the Business Tax and Fee Department, will retire on August 2, 2016, after more than thirty-one years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and*

WHEREAS, *Kenneth began his career with the Board of Equalization on March 18, 1985, as an Account Clerk II; and*

WHEREAS, *owing to his diligent work, Kenneth received a position of Senior Account Clerk in September 1986, where he continued his growth earning placement as an Office Technician I on April 1, 1987, with the Business Tax and Fee Department; and later accepted a position as a Program Technician II in December 1987; and*

WHEREAS, *in recognition of his outstanding technical skills and proven professionalism, Kenneth went on to excel in the Business Tax and Fee Department in the positions of Program Technician III in November 1989; and Tax Auditor in September 1993; and*

WHEREAS, *as a result of his demonstrated ability and increasing responsibility, Kenneth merited the position of Senior Tax Auditor in February 2000; and reclassified to an Associate Tax Auditor in May 2006; and advanced to the position of Business Taxes Specialist I in May 2009; and*

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

RESOLVED, *that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Kenneth Chan Leung 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.*

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Honoring
JUDY W. LUI
On Her Retirement

***WHEREAS**, Judy W. Lui, Associate Tax Auditor in the West Covina Office, will retire on August 1, 2016, after more than thirty-three years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and*

***WHEREAS**, Judy began her career with the Board of Equalization on December 2, 1981, as an Auditor I in the Arcadia Office; and*

***WHEREAS**, Judy advanced to positions of increasing responsibility as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, first earning appointment to Tax Auditor II on December 2, 1982; and*

***WHEREAS**, Judy promoted to Associate Tax Auditor on January 1, 2009, in the same District, now known as the West Covina District; and*

***WHEREAS**, Judy was one of the District's Fiscal Program Reviewers for two years, from 2010 through 2011: Therefore be it*

***RESOLVED**, that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Judy W. Lui 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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Honoring
MARK NOACK
On His Retirement

WHEREAS, Mark Noack, Supervising Tax Auditor III (District Principal Auditor), in the Oakland District Office, will retire on August 2, 2016, after thirty-nine years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the California State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Mark began his career with the Board of Equalization in December 1977 as a Tax Auditor I in the San Jose District Office; and as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, he advanced to the position of Tax Auditor II in 1978, and Tax Auditor III in March 1981; and

WHEREAS, Mark enjoyed the challenges and rewards of conducting audits of the most complex and difficult type, he advanced to positions of increasing responsibility, earning appointment to Supervising Tax Auditor I in March 1989 in the San Jose District Office; and

WHEREAS, in January 1997, Mark moved to the Santa Rosa District Office to accept an appointment of Supervising Tax Auditor II to lead and guide the district audit staff; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, he was appointed to the position of Oakland District Principal Auditor in December 2010 where he served the district with distinction until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many years of service, Mark 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 Mark Noack 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
TED ODIORNE
On His Retirement

WHEREAS, Ted Odiorne, Associate Information Systems Analyst (Specialist) in the Administration Department's Information Security Office, will retire on July 31, 2016, after five years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Ted began his career with the Board of Equalization on June 1, 2011, as an Associate Information Systems Analyst (Specialist); and will retire as an Associate Information Systems Analyst (Specialist); and

WHEREAS, the Board and his coworkers have greatly benefitted from Ted's knowledge, experience, dedication and integrity, all the while setting an example of helpfulness, and earning the respect of management and staff; and

WHEREAS, after retirement Ted will begin his carefree journey as a retiree on a six week road trip with his wife, traveling across the U.S. visiting family, friends, places of interest, and the second happiest place on earth; Disney World. Ted and his wife Barbara will continue their travels for years to come, as they take advantage of their time-share properties, leading them to different destinations and new experiences. In between traveling, Ted will have time to enjoy his hobby of woodworking, playing his guitar(s) with his friends, and being an avid spectator of motor sports and classic auto shows. Alas, the honey-do list waits, and Ted's free time will be put to use building a deck off of his workshop, keeping the family vehicles in running order, fixing things up around his home, and lending a helpful hand to his friends in need. Ted is blessed with a loving wife and family, and lifelong friendships, all of whom will keep him busy by enjoying his free time and retirement journey by his side. Let the good times roll, long live rock 'n' roll; and

WHEREAS, throughout his years of service, Ted 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 Ted Odiorne 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 his continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

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