

Honoring
BLANCA M. BREEZE
On Her Retirement

WHEREAS, Blanca M. Breeze, Tax Counsel IV, in the Legal Department, retired on December 30, 2008, after twenty years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Blanca began her career with the State of California at the Fair Political Practices Commission Counsel on February 2, 1989, as a Fair Political Commission Counsel; 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 Staff Counsel at the State Controller's Office in December 1992; and

WHEREAS, Blanca began her career with the Board of Equalization in the Legal Department as a Staff Counsel in November 1994; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her outstanding technical skills and proven professionalism she was appointed to the position of Tax Counsel in May 1996, Tax Counsel III in June 1997, and Tax Counsel IV in February 2006; and

WHEREAS, throughout her many years of service, Blanca has served the people of this state with fairness and dedication, she has proven her willingness and ability to provide quality and exceptional service, and further, she has earned the respect and admiration of management and coworkers for her knowledge, friendliness, wit, and she will be missed by all: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Blanca M. Breeze 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 for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

Adopted at Sacramento, California, this twenty-second day of January 2009, by the State Board of Equalization.

Honoring
CYNTHIA BRESNAN
On Her Retirement

WHEREAS, Cynthia (Cindy) Bresnan, Staff Services Manager I in the Policy, Planning and Workforce Development Division, retired on December 30, 2008, after thirty-four years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Cindy began her career with the State of California at the California Highway Patrol on July 1, 1974, as a Key Data Operator; 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 in September 1978, then to Office Services Supervisor I, General in July 1980, Office Technician in April 1981, Office Services Supervisor I in June 1982, Management Services Technician in July 1984, Staff Services Analyst in July 1985, and Associate Government Program Analyst in April 1991; and

WHEREAS, Cindy began her career with the Board of Equalization as an Associate Personnel Analyst on May 2, 1995, and in recognition of her outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, she was appointed to the position of Staff Services Manager I on December 29, 2004, where she remained until her retirement; and

WHEREAS, throughout her many years of service, Cindy 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 Cynthia Bresnan 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 for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

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Honoring
MARIA CABRERA-SAHAGIAN
On Her Retirement

WHEREAS, Maria Cabrera-Sahagian, Tax Technician II in the Fresno Branch Office of the Sacramento District, retired on December 21, 2008, after twenty-eight years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Maria began her career with the Board of Equalization on August 17, 1981, as a Stenographer in the Fresno Branch 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 Office Assistant II in August 1983; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, she was appointed to the position of Tax Technician I in April 1985 and advanced to the position of Tax Technician II in April 1987; and

WHEREAS, throughout her many years of service, Maria 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 Maria Cabrera-Sahagian 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 for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

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Honoring
LEON W. CLARK III
On His Retirement

WHEREAS, Leon W. Clark III, Business Taxes Specialist I in the Suisun City Branch Office of the Santa Rosa District, retired on December 2, 2008, after twenty-nine of years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Leon began his career with the Board of Equalization on January 15, 1979, as a Tax Auditor I in the Oakland District 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 Tax Auditor II in the Hayward Office; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, he was appointed to the position of Associate Tax Auditor on August 1, 1982, and Business Taxes Specialist I on December 1, 2001, and after ably serving the Hayward Office, he moved to the Suisun City Branch Office; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many years of service, Leon 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 Leon W. Clark III 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 twenty-second day of January 2009, by the State Board of Equalization.

Honoring
CRAIG J. CLAUSON
On His Retirement

WHEREAS, Craig J. Clauson, District Administrator in the San Diego District Office, retired on December 17, 2008, after more than thirty-five years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Craig began his career with the Board of Equalization on July 30, 1973, as a Tax Auditor in the San Diego District 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 on August 1, 1976; and

WHEREAS, after ably serving the San Diego District Office he moved to the Board Member Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr.'s Office as an Assistant to the Board Member on January 8, 1978; and

WHEREAS, he moved to the San Marcos Branch Office as the Business Tax Administrator on June 22, 1981, and in recognition of his outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, he returned to the San Diego District Office advancing to the positions of Supervising Tax Auditor II on October 1, 1982, and District Administrator on December 30, 1988; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many years of service, Craig 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 Craig J. Clauson 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.

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Honoring
RICHARD L. DAPRATO
On His Retirement

WHEREAS, Richard L. DaPrato, Staff Services Analyst in the Disclosure Office, retired on August 31, 2008, after twenty-three 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 November 6, 1974, as a Clerk II in the Headquarters Office of Sacramento; 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 Office Assistant in August 1989, he then advanced to the positions of Office Technician in September 1994, Office Services Supervisor III in September 2001, and Staff Services Analyst in September 2005; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding technical skills and proven professionalism, he has worked in various areas of the Administration Department, and finally the Legal Department; and

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

RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Richard L. DaPrato 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.

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Honoring
LUCIAN J. KHAN
On His Retirement

WHEREAS, Lucian J. Khan, Tax Counsel IV in the Legal Department, retired on December 31, 2008, after twenty-nine years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Lucian began his career with the Board of Equalization on September 10, 1975, as a Tax Representative in the Compliance Section of the Sales and Use Tax Department, in the San Diego District 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 Business Taxes Representative II in the Out-of-State Office, Compliance Section in June 1978, until August 1988, when he separated from state service; and

WHEREAS, while away from state service, Lucian served as a Deputy District Attorney in Stanislaus County from August 1988 through February 1989, and as Deputy District Attorney in Yuba County from March 1990 through April 1993, and in May 1993, he returned to state service and the Board of Equalization as a Staff Counsel in the Appeals Division of the Legal Department; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, he was appointed to the position of Tax Counsel III, Specialist in May 1996, Tax Counsel III, Supervisor in January 2003, and Tax Counsel IV in July 2006, and in the 2003-2004 fiscal year, he was awarded an Individual Sustained Superior Accomplishment Award for two years of outstanding performance; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many years of service, Lucian J. Khan 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 Lucian J. Khan 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.

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Honoring
PATRICIA G. LUCERO
On Her Retirement

WHEREAS, Patricia G. Lucero, Administrative Assistant II, in the Chief Counsel's Office of the Legal Department, retired on December 29, 2008, after twenty-one years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Patricia began her career with the Board of Equalization on October 19, 1987, as an Office Assistant in the Special Procedures, Collections Division in November 1989; 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 Technician in the Special Procedures, Collections Division in November 1989; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, she was appointed to the position of Senior Legal Typist in the Legal Department in January 1994, Executive Secretary II in March 1996, Executive Assistant in March 1997, Administrative Assistant I in March 2000 and Administrative Assistant II in July 2004; 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 G. Lucero 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 for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come: Therefore be it

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Honoring
REYNALDO D. OBLIGACION

On His Retirement

WHEREAS, Reynaldo D. Obligacion, Business Taxes Specialist III in the Legal Department, retired on December 1, 2008, after thirty-six years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Reynaldo began his career with the State of California with the Employment Development Department in July 1972, he worked as an Account Technician II while he completed his college education, and in June 1973 he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, with a specialty in Accounting; and

WHEREAS, Reynaldo began his career with the Board of Equalization in the Out-of-State, Sacramento Area Office as a Tax Auditor I in September 1973; 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 Tax Auditor II in August 1974, Tax Auditor III in September 1976, and he received his Certified Public Accountant license in 1980; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, he was appointed to the position of Staff Tax Auditor IV in July 1980, Supervising Tax Auditor II in January 1996, and Business Taxes Specialist III in August 2001; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many years of service, Reynaldo 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 Reynaldo D. Obligacion 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.

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Honoring
JERRY S. PERO
On His Retirement

WHEREAS, Jerry S. Pero, Associate Tax Auditor in the Sacramento District Office, retired on December 31, 2008, after more than thirty-five years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Jerry began his career with the Board of Equalization on August 31, 1973, as an Auditor I, Tax Auditor in the Marysville Branch 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 Tax Auditor II, advancing to the position of Tax Auditor III, Associate Tax Auditor; and

WHEREAS, after ably serving the Marysville Branch Office, Jerry transferred to the Sacramento District Office on October 1, 1996, where he continued his outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many years of service, Jerry 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 Jerry S. Pero 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.

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Honoring
TERRY E. SKEEN
On His Retirement

WHEREAS, Terry E. Skeen, Business Taxes Representative in the Bakersfield Branch Office, retired on December 2, 2008, after thirty years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Terry began his career with the Board of Equalization on May 15, 1978, as a Tax Representative in the Bakersfield Branch Office, serving the branch until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many years of service, Terry 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 Terry E. Skeen 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.

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