

Honoring
MICHELE H. STUCKEY

On Her Retirement

WHEREAS, Michele H. (Mickie) Stuckey, Chief of the Environmental Fees Division in the Property and Special Taxes Department, will retire on April 29, 2009, after thirty-five years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Mickie began her career with the Board of Equalization in June 1974, as a Stenographer, in the evenings she attended California State University, Sacramento, and graduated in July 1979, earning her Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration; and

WHEREAS, through well-deserved promotions, she advanced to positions of increasing responsibility, first as Secretary, then Management Services Technician, Staff Services Analyst, Associate Management Analyst, Staff Services Manager I, Staff Services Manager II, Principal Property Appraiser, Chief of the County Property Tax Division, and Chief of the Environmental Fees Division; and

WHEREAS, during her long tenure with the Board, Mickie has served the people of this state with fairness, dedication, and exceptional competence, she has demonstrated the highest quality of work ethics and job performance, and has been a great asset to the Board, her knowledge, expertise and leadership abilities have been instrumental to the successful administration of several special tax and fee programs administered by the Board, including implementation of a number of new statutes governing those programs, and as Chief of the Board's County Property Tax Division, she was responsible for the statewide assessment practices program and the Timber Yield Tax program, and as Chief of the Environmental Fees Division, she was responsible for the effective and efficient collection of seven multi-million dollar environmental fee programs administered by the Board on behalf of other state agencies; and

WHEREAS, in all of her various supervisory and management positions, Mickie has been effectively and proactively involved in the areas of personnel, administration, and strategic, program, and technology planning, she is respected and admired throughout the Board, and in particular by her staff for her professionalism and her excellent management and people skills, she will be greatly missed: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Michele H. Stuckey 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 seventeenth day of March 2009, by the State Board of Equalization.

Honoring
ROBERTO L. THOME
On His Retirement

***WHEREAS,** Roberto (Bob) L. Thome, Business Taxes Specialist I in the West Covina District office, will retire on March 31, 2009, after thirty-five years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and*

***WHEREAS,** Bob began his career with the Board of Equalization on January 14, 1974, as an Auditor I in the Pasadena District Office, and advanced to Tax Auditor II a year later; 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 III in October 1981 in the West Los Angeles District office, where he conducted audits of the more complex business entities and trained countless newly appointed auditors; and*

***WHEREAS,** he advanced to Tax Auditor IV, later reclassified as Business Taxes Specialist I, in October 1984, in the same district before accepting a lateral transfer to the Hollywood District office in April 1989, followed by a transfer to the Arcadia, now West Covina District office, due to the pending closure of the Hollywood facility; and*

***WHEREAS,** throughout his career, he has been especially effective in helping other auditors through his willingness to share his knowledge of the sales and use tax laws and regulations, co-instructing the Economic Reality Class to BOE audit staff, conducting classes on BOE auditing techniques before a group of Internal Revenue Service agents, and playing a pivotal role in the District's Injury and Illness Prevention Program; and*

***WHEREAS,** throughout his many years of service, Bob 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 Roberto L. Thome 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 in Sacramento, California, this seventeenth day of March 2009, by the State Board of Equalization.

Honoring
James B. Van Gundy
On His Retirement

WHEREAS, James B. (Jim) Van Gundy, Business Taxes Specialist I in the Excise Taxes Division of the Property and Special Taxes Department, retired on October 9, 2008, after 29 years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State Board of Equalization and the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Jim began his career with the Board of Equalization on June 18, 1979, as an Auditor I in the Sacramento District Office. He transferred to the Excise Taxes Division on October 25, 1979, and promoted to Tax Auditor II in July 1980; and

WHEREAS, as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, he advanced to positions of increasing responsibility, first earning an appointment to the position of Associate Tax Auditor in August 1983, Staff Tax Auditor in January 1989, and Supervising Tax Auditor I in December 2000. In April 2005, he was appointed to a Business Taxes Specialist, where he served until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many years of service, Jim 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 James B. Van Gundy our sincere and grateful appreciation for his 29 years of dedicated service to the State Board of Equalization and to the people of 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.