

Honoring
MIGUEL R. CORDERO
On His Retirement

WHEREAS, Miguel (Mike) R. Cordero, Business Taxes Representative in the West Covina District Office, retired on September 30, 2009, after twenty-seven years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Mike began his career with the Board of Equalization on September 28, 1982, as a Business Taxes Representative I in the Van Nuys District Office; and

WHEREAS, as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, he advanced to Range B within ten months, and on March 28, 1984 he promoted to Business Taxes Representative II; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, on January 31, 1990 he laterally transferred to the Arcadia District Office, now known as the West Covina District Office, and he participated in several bilingual events including the quarterly Basic Sales and Use Tax Seminar in Spanish; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many years of service, Mike 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 Miguel R. Cordero 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 sixth day of October 2009, by the State Board of Equalization.

Honoring
WILLARD LEE SMITH
On His Retirement

***WHEREAS,** Willard Lee Smith, Supervising Tax Auditor II and Certified Public Accountant in the West Covina District Office, retired on September 30, 2009, after more than thirty-eight years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and*

***WHEREAS,** Lee began his career with the Board of Equalization on July 21, 1971, as an Auditor I in the Covina District Office, which subsequently became the Covina-Foothills 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 July 1972, Tax Auditor III in May 1974, Tax Auditor IV in July 1980, and a year later, he accepted a limited-term appointment to Supervising Tax Auditor I; and*

***WHEREAS,** as a result of reorganization, he returned to his former Tax Auditor IV position, now in a different district, and shortly thereafter returned to his former district, then known as the Arcadia District, where he was later promoted to a permanent Supervising Tax Auditor I in November 1983; and*

***WHEREAS,** Lee accepted a promotion to Supervising Tax Auditor II in April 1991 and supervised the district's super audit crew which audits the largest companies in the district, he participated in the consolidation of the district and Covina Branch Office which became the Industry District Office in December 1994, and helped in the move of the office to its present facility in West Covina in July 2000; and*

***WHEREAS,** throughout his many years of service, Lee 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 Willard Lee Smith 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 sixth day of October 2009, by the State Board of Equalization.

Honoring
BERNARD STICKLER
On His Retirement

WHEREAS, Bernard (Tom) Stickler, Business Taxes Specialist I in the San Diego District Office, retired on October 1, 2009, after more than sixteen years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Tom began his career with the Board of Equalization on January 4, 1993, as a Tax Auditor; 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 October 2, 2000, and Business Taxes Compliance Specialist I on May 2, 2006; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many years of service, Tom 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 Bernard Stickler 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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