

Honoring  
**JOSEPH W. CLAYTON**  
On His Retirement

*WHEREAS, Joseph W. Clayton, Business Taxes Specialist I in the Out-of-State Sacramento Office of the Sales and Use Tax Department, retired on July 20, 2009, after twenty-three years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and*

*WHEREAS, Joseph began his career with the Board of Equalization on September 15, 1986, as an Auditor I in the Norwalk 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 December 1, 1988, and after ably serving the Norwalk Office, he moved to the Houston Office on July 1, 1991, advancing to the position of Supervising 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 April 21, 1998, and he transferred to the Out-of-State Sacramento Office on January 3, 2006, where he served until his retirement; and*

*WHEREAS, throughout his many years of service, Joseph 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 Joseph W. Clayton 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 twenty-seventh day of January 2010, by the State Board of Equalization.*

Honoring  
**LEE F. COPELAND**  
On His Retirement

*WHEREAS, Lee F. Copeland, Business Taxes Compliance Supervisor II in the San Jose Office, retired on December 2, 2009, after 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 August 30, 1971, as a Business Taxes Representative in the San Mateo 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 Senior Business Taxes Representative in the Santa Maria Office, and after ably serving the Santa Maria Office, he moved to the Oakland Office; and*

*WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, he was appointed to the position of Business Taxes Compliance Specialist on June 1, 1989, and he moved to the San Jose Office promoting to Business Taxes Compliance Supervisor II on August 1, 1990, where he served until his retirement; 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 Lee F. Copeland 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  
**REBECCA L. JONES**  
On Her Retirement

**WHEREAS**, Rebecca L. Jones, Supervising Tax Auditor II (District Principal Auditor) in the Ventura Office, retired on December 30, 2009, after more than thirty-five years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

**WHEREAS**, Rebecca began her career with the Board of Equalization on July 1, 1974, as a Tax Auditor I in the Van Nuys 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 Associate Tax Auditor, and advancing to the positions of Staff Tax Auditor, and Supervising Tax Auditor I; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of her outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, she was appointed to the position of Supervising Tax Auditor II on July 1, 1993 and after ably serving the Van Nuys Office, she transferred to the Ventura Office to become the District Principal Auditor on May 1, 2005, where she served until her retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout her many years of service, Rebecca 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 Rebecca L. Jones 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  
**GLORIA McGILL**  
On Her Retirement

**WHEREAS**, Gloria McGill, Associate Information Systems Analyst (Specialist) in the Technology Services Department, retired on August 31, 2009, after thirty-one years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

**WHEREAS**, Gloria began her career with the State of California with the Department of Health Services on October 5, 1977, as a Mechanical and Technical Occupational Trainee; 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 Management Services Technician; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of her outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, she was appointed to the position of Programmer I in February 1993, Programmer II in March 1994, and Information Systems Technician (Specialist) II in July 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout her many years of service, Gloria 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 Gloria McGill 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  
**DONALD W. PRINCE**  
On His Retirement

*WHEREAS, Donald (Don) W. Prince, Supervising Tax Auditor in the Out-of-State Sacramento Office of the Sales and Use Tax Department, retired on October 30, 2009, after seventeen years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and*

*WHEREAS, Don began his career with the Board of Equalization on October 13, 1992, 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 on February 14, 1997, in the Environmental Fees Division, and after ably serving the Environmental Fees Division, he moved to the Out-of-State Sacramento Office on June 1, 1998; and*

*WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, he was appointed to the position of Supervising Tax Auditor I on January 30, 2003, where he served until his retirement; and*

*WHEREAS, throughout his many years of service, Don 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 Donald W. Prince 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  
**MOTOSHI C. SAKAMOTO**  
On His Retirement

***WHEREAS**, Motoshi (Chuck) C. Sakamoto, Business Taxes Specialist I in the Sales and Use Tax Department, retired on December 30, 2009, after more than thirty-five years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and*

***WHEREAS**, Chuck began his career with the Board of Equalization on July 1, 1974, as a Tax Auditor in the Hollywood Office; and*

***WHEREAS**, in February 1977, he transferred to the San Jose Office, worked there for little over a year and then in February 1978 transferred to Sacramento Headquarters to work in the Audit Review and Refund Section; and*

***WHEREAS**, as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, he promoted to Associate Tax Auditor in 1979, then to Business Taxes Specialist I, in 1999; and*

***WHEREAS**, throughout his many years of service, Chuck 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 Motoshi C. Sakamoto 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  
**SHAHLA S. SAMIEE**  
On Her Retirement

***WHEREAS**, Shahla S. Samiee, Associate Tax Auditor in the Out-of-State Sacramento Office of the Sales and Use Tax Department, retired on September 30, 2009, after twenty-one years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and*

***WHEREAS**, Shahla began her career with the Board of Equalization on December 12, 1988, as an Auditor I in the Culver City 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 Tax Auditor on January 11, 1989; and*

***WHEREAS**, in recognition of her outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, she was appointed to the position of Associate Tax Auditor on August 10, 1992, and after ably serving the Culver City Office, she transferred to the Out-of-State Sacramento Office, where she served until her retirement; and*

***WHEREAS**, throughout her many years of service, Shahla 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 Shahla S. Samiee 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  
**CAROL TAKAHASHI**  
On Her Retirement

***WHEREAS,** Carol Takahashi, Tax Technician III in the Fresno Office of the Sacramento District, retired on December 21, 2009, after twenty-one years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and*

***WHEREAS,** Carol began her career with the Board of Equalization on May 23, 1988, as a Tax Technician (General) in the Fresno 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 Tax Technician I in July 1989; and*

***WHEREAS,** in recognition of her outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, she was promoted to the position of Tax Technician II in May 1993, and advanced to the position of Tax Technician III in October 2001; and*

***WHEREAS,** throughout her many years of service, Carol 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 Carol Takahashi 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  
**WILLIAM M. YOUNG**

*On His Retirement*

**WHEREAS**, *William (Will) M. Young, Business Taxes Specialist I in the Internal Security and Audit Division, Executive Department, retired on December 30, 2009, after twenty years of exceptional service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Will began his career with the State of California in June 1989, as an Auditor in the California State Auditor General's Office, and he transferred to the University of California, Davis, as a Health Care Auditor/Internal Auditor in July 1992; and*

**WHEREAS**, *as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, he advanced to positions of increasing responsibility, accepting a promotion as Associate Management Auditor with the Department of Justice in 1993, General Auditor III at the Department of Social Services—Continuing Care Program in 1995, and Associate Management Auditor at the State Teachers Retirement System in 1998; and*

**WHEREAS**, *in recognition of his outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, he was promoted to Chief in the Audit Division of the Gambling Control Commission in July of 2002, and in March 2007, he transferred to the Audit Division of the Department of Housing and Community Development and during that time he was the Deputy Director of the division for two years; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Will began his career with the Board of Equalization in March 2009, as a Business Taxes Specialist I in the Internal Security and Audition Division; and*

**WHEREAS**, *throughout his many years of service, Will 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 William M. Young 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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