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JUDY CHU NAMED STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION CHAIR

The California State Board of Equalization (BOE) today unanimously voted to name Dr. Judy Chu as Chair of the publicly elected tax board. The BOE also selected Betty T. Yee as Vice Chair.

Chairwoman Chu represents the Board of Equalization's Fourth District that encompasses most of Los Angeles County, including 73 cities, and more than 8.5 million residents. Dr. Chu was first elected to the Board of Equalization on November 7, 2006, and assumed office January 8, 2007. She served as Vice Chair from January 2007 through January 2008.

As Chairwoman, Judy Chu will also serve as a voting Member of the California Franchise Tax Board.

Prior to her election to the State Board of Equalization, Dr. Chu served three terms in the State Assembly from 2001 to 2006, representing the 49th Assembly District in the West San Gabriel Valley. In the Assembly, she served as Chair of the Appropriations Committee, as a member of the Speaker's leadership team, and played a pivotal role in the development and passage of policy through the Legislature. As a member of the Budget Conference Committee, responsible for negotiating the final version of the state's annual budget, she fought to protect funding for healthcare and social services for seniors, children, and the developmentally disabled. In the Assembly, Dr. Chu also served as Chair of the Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus, Select Committee on Hate Crimes, and the Subcommittee on Health and Human Services. She also served on the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee.

Prior to serving in the State Assembly, Dr. Chu served on the Monterey Park City Council for thirteen years from 1988 to 2001, and served as Mayor three times.

The Chair and Vice Chair positions were decided today at the first 2008 meeting of the State Board of Equalization. The Board includes Chair Judy Chu (Fourth District), Vice Chairwoman Betty T. Yee (First District), Members Bill Leonard (Second District) and Michelle Steel (Third District), and California State Controller John Chiang.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$53 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on the BOE, visit: www.boe.ca.gov.

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