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## **Jerome E. Horton Announces Appointment of External Affairs Deputy Director**

Jerome E. Horton, Chairman of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), today announced that the Board met in closed session at its Sacramento meeting this week and appointed Mr. Jaime Garza to the position of Deputy Director of the BOE's External Affairs Department.

The External Affairs Deputy Director coordinates contacts between the BOE and members of the public, media, and other interested parties. "We are pleased that Mr. Garza will be joining the BOE," said Chairman Horton. "Jaime brings decades of experience to the position and we look forward to working with him."

Most recently, Mr. Garza served as a Public Information Officer for the California Department of Motor Vehicles, where he worked to develop innovative education and outreach plans aimed at promoting new and enhanced services and programs.

Mr. Garza has been a well known and respected broadcast journalist for 26 years, spending most of his career in the state of California, delivering news and events to the residents of Los Angeles for 13 years and Sacramento for nearly 6 years. During his successful career as an anchor and reporter, Garza was honored with dozens of awards, including 8 Emmy awards.

Garza is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin where he received a Bachelor of Journalism in Broadcast Journalism and a Bachelor of Science in Radio-Television-Film.

He grew up in a tri-lingual and tri-cultural family, in which English, Spanish and German were all spoken in the household.

Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization Legislative Committee chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board of Equalization collects more than \$50 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 other taxes and fees in California, visit [www.taxes.ca.gov](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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