

Honoring  
**BOB ALAN ALEXANDER**

*On His Retirement*

**WHEREAS**, *Bob Alan Alexander, Business Taxes Specialist I, Petitions Section in the Sales and Use Tax Department, will retire on December 15, 2015, after more than thirty-four years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the California State Board of Equalization; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Bob began his career with the Board of Equalization on September 1, 1981, as a Tax Auditor I in the Oakland Office; and*

**WHEREAS**, *owing to his diligent work, Bob received a position of Tax Auditor II in September 1982 where he continued his growth earning a promotion to Tax Auditor III/Associate Tax Auditor in December 1985; and*

**WHEREAS**, *in recognition of his outstanding technical skills and proven professionalism, Bob went on to excel in the Associate Tax Auditor position, accepting placement April 1, 1993, in the Sacramento Office with the Special Enforcement Unit which later became the Special Investigations Unit in June 1995; Bob relocated again as an Associate Tax Auditor to the Out-of-State Office in May 1998; and*

**WHEREAS**, *as a result of his demonstrated ability and increasing responsibility, Bob transferred to the Sales and Use Tax Department as an Associate Tax Auditor in January 2000, and later earned an appointment to the position of Business Taxes Specialist I in the Sales and Use Tax Department in January 2009; and*

**WHEREAS**, *throughout his career, Bob has served the people of this state with fairness, integrity, and dedication, and proven his willingness and ability to provide quality and exceptional service; has earned the respect and admiration of management and coworkers for his knowledge, honesty, and wit; and, will be missed by all: Therefore be it*

**RESOLVED**, *that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Bob Alan Alexander our sincere and grateful appreciation for his dedicated service to the California 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.*

*Adopted at Sacramento, California, this twenty-seventh day of October 2015, by the State Board of Equalization.*

Honoring  
**PHILLIP BISHOP**  
On His Retirement

*WHEREAS, Phillip Bishop, Business Taxes Specialist III in the Special Taxes Audit and Carrier Division, Special Taxes and Fees Department, will retire on December 24, 2015, with over thirty-two years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the California State Board of Equalization; and*

*WHEREAS, Phillip began his career with the State Board of Equalization (BOE) on August 11, 1983, as a Tax Auditor in the Sales and Use Tax Department's Salinas Office, advancing a year later to a Tax Auditor II; and*

*WHEREAS, as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, Phillip advanced to a Tax Auditor III on November 17, 1986, in the Sales and Use Tax Department's Sacramento Out-of-State Office and on January 1, 1989, to a Staff Tax Auditor as a reviewer; and*

*WHEREAS, on April 1, 1993, Phillip transferred to the Sales and Use Tax Department's Special Enforcement Section and on December 1, 1993, was promoted to Supervising Tax Auditor I in the Audit Determination and Refund Section, to lead the San Diego and Monterey County Transit District refund project; and*

*WHEREAS, on July 31, 1996, Phillip advanced to a Supervising Tax Auditor II, in the BOE's Settlement Section, and moved with the Section on September 1, 1997, to the Sales and Use Tax Department's Audit and Information Section; and on February 1, 1999, to the BOE's Legal Department; and*

*WHEREAS, on July 16, 2006, Phillip advanced to a Business Taxes Specialist III in the Special Taxes Fuel Taxes Division; and*

*WHEREAS, throughout his many years of service, Phillip has served the people of this state with fairness and dedication, and proven his willingness and ability to provide quality and exceptional service; and has earned the respect and admiration of management and coworkers: Therefore be it*

*RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Phillip Bishop our sincere appreciation for his highly esteemed service to the California 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 a future filled with good health, happiness, and continued success.*

*Adopted at Sacramento, California, this twenty-seventh day of October 2015, by the State Board of Equalization.*

Honoring  
**MARTHA BROTHERS**  
On Her Retirement

**WHEREAS**, Martha Brothers, Business Taxes Specialist II for the Ventura Office, will retire on December 30, 2015, after more than thirty-three years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the California State Board of Equalization; and

**WHEREAS**, Martha began her state service as a Tax Auditor I with the Van Nuys Office of the Board of Equalization on February 1, 1982; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, she advanced to a position of increasing responsibility, earning an appointment to the position of Business Taxes Specialist I on April 23, 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of her outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, she was appointed to the position of Business Taxes Specialist II on October 4, 2013, serving the Ventura Office until her retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout her many years of service, Martha 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 Martha Brothers our sincere and grateful appreciation for her dedicated service to the California 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  
**CYNTHIA L. BURBA**  
On Her Retirement

*WHEREAS, Cynthia L. Burba, Business Taxes Specialist I in the Field Operations Department/Sacramento Out-of-State Office, will retire on November 8, 2015, after twenty-five years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the California State Board of Equalization; and*

*WHEREAS, Cynthia began her career with the Board of Equalization on June 18, 1990, as a Tax Auditor in the Sales and Use Tax Department/Sacramento 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 on November 9, 1994. After ably serving the Special Enforcement Unit/Sacramento Office, she moved to the Audit Review and Refund Section/Headquarters Office, in a lateral transfer on April 3, 1995; and*

*WHEREAS, in recognition of her outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, she was appointed to the position of Business Taxes Specialist I on September 2, 1997, in the Sales and Use Tax Department/Sacramento Out-of-State Office; and*

*WHEREAS, throughout her many years of service, Cynthia 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 Cynthia our sincere and grateful appreciation for her dedicated service to the California 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  
**KATHLEEN P. GILLUM**  
On Her Retirement

**WHEREAS**, Kathleen (Kath) P. Gillum, Tax Technician I in the West Covina District Office, will retire on December 30, 2015, after twenty-eight years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the California State Board of Equalization; and

**WHEREAS**, Kath began her career with the Board of Equalization (BOE) on July 1, 1987, as an Office Assistant II (Typist) in the Arcadia Office; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, Kath advanced to Program Technician Trainee on December 2, 1987; and

**WHEREAS**, Kath accepted additional responsibilities with a promotion to Tax Technician I on July 1, 1989, in the same Office, now known as the West Covina Office; and

**WHEREAS**, as a member of the West Covina customer service staff, Kath was recognized in the September 2008 issue of the Boardcaster for "continued provision of quality customer service, courtesy, and professionalism" to the BOE's customers; and

**WHEREAS**, Kath has been happily serving the public as the District's initial contact for customer service: Therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Kathleen P. Gillum our sincere and grateful appreciation for her dedicated service to the California State Board of Equalization and to the State of California, our congratulations on her well-earned retirement, and our best wishes to Kath for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

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Honoring  
**ROBBIE L. JONES**  
On Her Retirement

***WHEREAS,** Robbie L. Jones, Business Taxes Compliance Specialist in the Santa Clarita Office, retired on August 31, 2015, after more than thirty-nine years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the California State Board of Equalization; and*

***WHEREAS,** Robbie began her state service as a Youth Aid with the Lanterman State Hospital on July 9, 1976; and*

***WHEREAS,** as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, she advanced to a position of increasing responsibility, earning an appointment to the position of Office Assistant in the Santa Ana Office of the Board of Equalization on March 2, 1978; and*

***WHEREAS,** in recognition of her outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, she was appointed to the position of Business Taxes Compliance Specialist on December 27, 2012, in the Santa Clarita Office where she served until her retirement; and*

***WHEREAS,** throughout her many years of service, Robbie L. Jones 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 Robbie L. Jones our sincere and grateful appreciation for her dedicated service to the California 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  
**RONALD LOUIE**  
On His Retirement

***WHEREAS,** Ronald Louie, Business Taxes Administrator II, in the County-Assessed Properties Division within the Property Tax Department, will retire on November 2, 2015, after eighteen years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the California State Board of Equalization; and*

***WHEREAS,** after graduating from the University of California, Davis, Ron started his extensive career in 1978 with the Sacramento County Assessor's Office as an Appraiser for Property Taxes until 1999. Ron began his career with the Board of Equalization (BOE) in 1999 as an Associate Property Appraiser in the County-Assessed Properties Division, participating in assessment practice surveys of the state's county assessor offices. From 2000 to 2005, Ron conducted BOE Appraisal Training courses on the Sales Comparison and the Income Approaches to Value. As a result of continued diligent work and demonstrated ability, Ron advanced to positions of increased responsibility and was promoted to a Senior Specialist Property Appraiser, a Supervising Property Appraiser, and finally, to a Business Taxes Administrator II with the Survey Program; and*

***WHEREAS,** during Ron's tenure with the BOE, he has served the people of the State of California with dedication and integrity. He has shared his extensive knowledge of property tax law and his dedicated participation in representing the County-Assessed Properties Division. Ron has been of great value in promoting dialog and understanding between county assessors, their staff, and the BOE and its staff. He has been invaluable to the administration of the BOE's Property Tax Department: Therefore be it*

***RESOLVED,** that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Ronald Louie our sincere and grateful appreciation for his highly esteemed service to the California 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  
**BENJAMIN TANG**  
On His Retirement

***WHEREAS**, Benjamin Tang, Chief, County-Assessed Properties Division of the Property Tax Department, retired on September 25, 2015, after sixteen years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the California State Board of Equalization; and*

***WHEREAS**, Ben graduated from California State University, Sacramento with a Bachelor's degree and returned to earn a Master of Business Administration in 2001; and*

***WHEREAS**, Ben started his extensive career at Wells Fargo Bank as a District Review Appraiser, he then joined the Sacramento County Assessor's Office as a Property Appraiser and in October 1999 Ben excelled his career goals by joining the Board of Equalization (BOE) as an Associate Property Appraiser in the County-Assessed Properties Division of the Property Tax Department. As a result of continued diligent work and demonstrated ability, Ben advanced to positions of increasing responsibility and was promoted to a Senior Specialist Property Appraiser in 2000, a Principal Property Appraiser in 2003 where he managed the Timber Tax Section, he then promoted to a Business Taxes Administrator III in 2013, Acting Chief in 2014, and finally, to Chief of the County-Assessed Properties Division in July 2015; and*

***WHEREAS**, throughout his many years of service with the County-Assessed Properties Division, Ben has worked in various administrative capacities including the lead person on several revisions of the Assessors' Handbook Sections, Property Tax Rules and Assessment Guidelines, he has extensive property tax experience in the private and public sector as well as a comprehensive educational background; and*

***WHEREAS**, Ben has served the people of the State of California with dedication and integrity and has displayed outstanding leadership, sharing his extensive knowledge of property tax law and his dedicated participation in representing the County-Assessed Properties Division. Ben has been invaluable to the administration of the BOE's Property Tax Department: Therefore be it*

***RESOLVED**, that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Benjamin Tang our sincere and grateful appreciation for his highly esteemed service to the California 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  
**SHARON J. WHITE**  
On Her Retirement

**WHEREAS**, Sharon J. White, Administrative Operations Specialist in the Office of Chairman Jerome E. Horton, will retire on October 30, 2015, after thirty-seven years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the California State Board of Equalization; and

**WHEREAS**, Sharon began her career with the Department of Food & Agriculture on March 13, 1978, as a Seasonal Clerk; and joined the Board of Equalization on May 16, 1979, as an Assistant Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, Sharon continued with a series of advancements at the Board of Equalization, promoting to Office Assistant I on November 30, 1979; promoting to Office Assistant II on June 1, 1980; transferring to Word Processing Technician on August 31, 1984; transferring to Stenographer on January 1, 1986; promoting to Office Technician on February 23, 1987; transferring to Secretary on April 1, 1999; promoting to Executive Secretary II on November 1, 2000; promoting to Administrative Assistant I on June 1, 2003; promoting to Administrative Assistant II on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of her outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, she was appointed to the position of Administrative Operations Specialist in the Office of Chairman Jerome E. Horton on January 31, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout her many years of service, Sharon 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 Sharon J. White our sincere and grateful appreciation for her dedicated service to the California 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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