

Honoring
CARLOS CALDERON
On His Retirement

***WHEREAS,** Carlos Calderon, Associate Tax Auditor, in the Riverside Office, retired on May 5, 2016, after twenty-eight years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and*

***WHEREAS,** Carlos began his career as a Tax Auditor I with the State Board of Equalization on July 13, 1987, in the Hollywood Office; and*

***WHEREAS,** as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, Carlos advanced to positions of increasing responsibility, first earning appointment to the position of Tax Auditor II on July 13, 1988; and then earning an appointment to Associate Tax Auditor on March 2, 1993; and*

***WHEREAS,** Carlos ended his career as an Associate Tax Auditor in the Riverside Office; and*

***WHEREAS,** throughout his many years of service, Carlos 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 Carlos Calderon 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.*

Adopted at Sacramento, California, this twenty-sixth day of April 2016, by the State Board of Equalization.

Honoring
COLLEEN CASTILE
On Her Retirement

WHEREAS, Colleen Castile, Business Taxes Administrator II (District Compliance Principal) in the Oakland Office, will retire on July 31, 2016, after more than nineteen years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Colleen began her career with the State Board of Equalization on April 1, 1997, as a Tax Representative in the San Jose Office; and on April 10, 1998, she transferred to the San Francisco 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 Compliance Specialist in San Francisco on April 1, 2002. She advanced to Business Taxes Compliance Supervisor II in February 2004, and to Business Taxes Administrator I in 2009; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2013, she was appointed to the position of District Principal Compliance Supervisor in the Oakland Office, and in recognition of her outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism; and

WHEREAS, Colleen served the Customer Service Committee and later was the lead trainer for the cashiering function for Northern California; and

WHEREAS, throughout her many years of service, Colleen 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 Colleen Castile 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.

Adopted at Sacramento, California, this twenty-sixth day of April 2016, by the State Board of Equalization.

Honoring
DEBORAH A. CUMINS
On Her Retirement

WHEREAS, Deborah A. Cumins, Business Taxes Specialist III, Appeals Division in the Legal Department, will retire on May 31, 2016, after thirty-nine of years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Deborah began her career with the Board of Equalization on April 1, 1977, as a Clerk Typist II in the Audit Determination and Refund Section; then to an Office Assistant II (Typing) in October 1977; and

WHEREAS, as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, and increasing responsibility, Deborah earned an appointment to the position of an Auditor I in the Sacramento Office in April 1979; then to a Tax Auditor II in April 1980; then promoted to an Associate Tax Auditor in the Audit Determination and Refund Section in January 1983; then to a Staff Tax Auditor in the Audit & Information Section in October 1986; then promoted with the Board's Legislative & Research Division to a Staff Services Manager II (Managerial) on December 15, 1989; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her outstanding technical skills and proven professionalism, Deborah went on to excel in the Legal Department of the Board of Equalization in the positions of a Supervising Tax Auditor II in July 1992; then to a Business Taxes Specialist III in May 2001; and

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

RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Deborah A. Cumins 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.

Adopted at Sacramento, California, this twenty-sixth day of April 2016, by the State Board of Equalization.

Honoring
DONNA FOSTER
On Her Retirement

***WHEREAS,** Donna Foster, Tax Technician III in the Oakland Office, will retire on May 31, 2016, after more than thirty-three years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and*

***WHEREAS,** Donna began her career with the State Board of Equalization on November 28, 1983, as an Office Assistant II in the Oakland Office; and*

***WHEREAS,** as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, she advanced to positions of increasing responsibility, and she promoted to Program Technician I in the Oakland Office on November 15, 1985; and*

***WHEREAS,** in 1990, she was promoted to a Program Technician II in the Union City Branch Office and served the public at the counter. She received many compliments from the public on her excellent customer service and efficiency; and*

***WHEREAS,** in 1997, she was promoted to a Tax Technician II, where she learned and excelled at the various duties in the front office in the Oakland Office; and*

***WHEREAS,** in 2006, Donna was elevated to the position of Tax Technician III. She was in charge of the Escrow Department for the Oakland Office and developed a desk manual that is still in use today; and*

***WHEREAS,** throughout her many years of service, Donna 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 Donna Foster 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.*

Adopted at Sacramento, California, this twenty-sixth day of April 2016, by the State Board of Equalization.

Honoring
MAY F. HUI
On Her Retirement

WHEREAS, *May F. Hui, Business Taxes Specialist I in the West Covina Office, retired on April 16, 2016, after more than thirty-five years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and*

WHEREAS, *May began her career with the State Board of Equalization on January 28, 1980, as an Auditor I in the Hollywood Office later transferring to the Covina-Foothills Office on July 21, 1980; and*

WHEREAS, *as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, May advanced to positions of increasing responsibility, first earning appointment to Tax Auditor II at the end of January 1981, and later transferred to the Arcadia Office where she was promoted to Associate Tax Auditor on April 1, 1986, and conducted audits of the District's more complex business entities; and*

WHEREAS, *May promoted to Business Taxes Specialist I on November 2, 2010, and has been conducting some of the most complex audits within the West Covina Office (formerly Arcadia and City of Industry); and*

WHEREAS, *May has served as the District's C.P.A. Coordinator for many years providing guidance to staff working towards their C.P.A. certificate; and*

WHEREAS, *throughout her many years of service, May 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 May F. Hui 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.*

Adopted at Sacramento, California, this twenty-sixth day of April 2016, by the State Board of Equalization.

Honoring
WILLIAM P. KIMSEY, CPA
On His Retirement

WHEREAS, *William Kimsey, Business Taxes Administrator III, in the Business Tax and Fee Department, Appeals and Data Analysis Branch, will retire after more than thirty-six years of service to the State of California and the California State Board of Equalization; and*

WHEREAS, *William began his career with the State Board of Equalization on October 25, 1979, as an Auditor I in the Sales and Use Taxes Department, Sacramento Field Operations Office, advancing to the position of a Tax Auditor II on October 25, 1980; and*

WHEREAS, *as a result of continued diligent work and demonstrated ability, he advanced to positions of increasing responsibility, and on February 1, 1984, William was appointed to an Associate Tax Auditor in the Audit Determination and Refund Section. On May 1, 1984, he transferred to the Petitions Section where he continued serving as an Associate Tax Auditor. On October 1, 1986, upon passing the Uniform CPA Examination, William transferred to the Sales and Use Tax Department, Sacramento Field Operations Office to complete the qualifying field experience required to obtain his CPA license. On December 2, 1987, William was appointed to Business Taxes Specialist I in the Petitions Section. In 1987, William became a member of the State Board of Equalization's CPA Program and in 2005 he was appointed as a member of the Internal Review Committee; and*

WHEREAS, *in recognition of his outstanding service and commitment to the State Board of Equalization, William was appointed to the position of Supervising Tax Auditor I on October 1, 1989, in the Excise Taxes Division. On March 18, 1993, he was promoted to a Supervising Tax Auditor II where he proudly served in this leadership role in the Excise Taxes Division, William made several significant contributions to State Board of Equalization and the State of California, one of which was the Business Program Manager of the Alternative Cigarette Tax Stamp Project. Through his dedication and leadership, he assisted in the development and implementation of the first of its kind high-tech cigarette tax stamp which was successfully introduced in California in 2005. The high-tech stamp tax added new enforcement techniques and when combined with the licensing and field inspections, resulted in annual revenue retention of \$131 million in sales and excise taxes. William*

has served as the Chairman of the Federation of Tax Administrators Tobacco Tax Section's Alternative Stamping Committee and served two terms as Governor of the Western State; and

WHEREAS, *as a result of William's leadership and positive attitude, on November 30, 2007, he was promoted to the position of Supervising Tax Auditor III and later appointed to Business Taxes Administrator III on October 2, 2008, and served as the Administrator of the Appeals and Data Analysis Branch, until his retirement. During his career with the State Board of Equalization, William demonstrated diligence, strong leadership, and sound judgment: Therefore be it*

RESOLVED, *that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to William P. Kimsey, CPA, 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 for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.*

Adopted at Sacramento, California, this twenty-sixth day of April 2016, by the State Board of Equalization.

Honoring
BRENDA RAMIREZ
On Her Retirement

WHEREAS, *Brenda Ramirez, in the Property Tax Department, of the State-Assessed Properties Division, will retire on April 15, 2016, after thirty-five years of outstanding service to the State of California and the California State Board of Equalization; and*

WHEREAS, *Brenda began her career with the State Board of Equalization in 1981, in the Property Tax Department's Timber Yield Tax Unit, and is retiring as the Tax Return Review Technician for the Timber Tax Section; and*

WHEREAS, *during her tenure with the State Board of Equalization, Brenda consistently demonstrated a high level of technical proficiency at analyzing, troubleshooting, and correcting tax return reporting issues as she performed her duties in the Timber Yield Tax Unit; and*

WHEREAS, *throughout her many years of service, Brenda has earned the respect and admiration of management and her coworkers. Her integrity and outstanding service to the people of California attest to the high level of her ability and dedication to serving the people of this State: Therefore be it*

RESOLVED, *that we, the Members of the California State Board of Equalization, do hereby extend to Brenda Ramirez our sincere 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.*

Adopted at Sacramento, California, this twenty-sixth day of April 2016, by the State Board of Equalization.

Honoring
KATHRYN SAUNDERS
On Her Retirement

***WHEREAS,** Kathryn Saunders, Business Taxes Specialist I in the Business Taxes Committee and Training Section, retired on April 30, 2016, after twenty-three years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and*

***WHEREAS,** Kathryn began her career with the Employment Development Department on January 6, 1992, as a Student Assistant; and*

***WHEREAS,** Kathryn began her career with the Board of Equalization on September 21, 1992, as a Tax Auditor in the Sacramento District 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 in the Petitions Section, and then advanced to the position of Business Taxes Specialist I in the Business Taxes Committee and Training Section; and*

***WHEREAS,** throughout her many years of service, Kathryn 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 Kathryn Saunders 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.*

Adopted at Sacramento, California, this twenty-sixth day of April 2016, by the State Board of Equalization.

Honoring
BENJAMIN VELASCO
On His Retirement

WHEREAS, Benjamin Velasco, Business Taxes Representative, Special Operations Branch, Investigation and Special Operations Division, in the Legal Department, will retire on April 30, 2016, after sixteen years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the California State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Velasco began his career with the State Board of Equalization on April 14, 2000, as a Tax Technician I in the Customer Service Center; and

WHEREAS, as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, Benjamin advanced to positions of increasing responsibility, first earning appointment to the position of Tax Technician II, and after ably serving the Customer Service Center, he advanced to the position of Tax Technician III in the Special Taxes Division and in the Special Operations Branch; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, Benjamin was appointed to the position of Business Taxes Representative in the Special Operations Branch of the Legal Department in March 2013; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Benjamin 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 Benjamin Velasco, 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 his family for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

Adopted at Sacramento, California, this twenty-sixth day of April 2016, by the State Board of Equalization.

Honoring
WUN-CHI WANG
On Her Retirement

WHEREAS, *Wun-chi Wang, Tax Research Specialist III, Research and Statistics Section, retired on April 30, 2016, after thirty-five years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and*

WHEREAS, *Wun-chi began her career with the Department of Industrial Relations, as a Research Analyst I on March 16, 1981, in San Francisco; and*

WHEREAS, *on April 22, 1981, Wun-chi transferred to the Board of Equalization (BOE) as a Research Analyst I in the Statistical Research and Consulting Division in Sacramento; and on December 1, 1988, was promoted to a Research Analyst II; and*

WHEREAS, *on July 1, 1995, Wun-chi transferred to the newly formed Research and Statistics Section of the Legislative and Research Division as a Research Analyst II; and*

WHEREAS, *as a result of continued diligent work and demonstrated ability, on September 10, 2002, Wun-chi was promoted to a Research Program Specialist I; a Research Program Specialist II on October 1, 2008, and a Tax Research Specialist III on October 1, 2012, where she served until her retirement; and*

WHEREAS, *Wun-chi has been recognized by the Board with the awarding of a Sustained Superior Accomplishment Award in 2001 and in 2010 with the Employee Recognition Award. Wun-chi has been instrumental in retooling the BOE's Taxable Sales Report to include taxable sales data using North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes. The project has involved working with other sections of the BOE and developing a new set of publication tables from scratch; and*

WHEREAS, *the respect she has earned throughout the BOE, her integrity, and her outstanding service to the people of California attest to the high level of her ability and her dedication to serving the people of this state: Therefore be it*

RESOLVED, *that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Wun-chi Wang, our sincere appreciation for her highly esteemed service to the State Board of Equalization and to the people of the State of California, our congratulations on her well-earned retirement, and our best wishes to her for a future filled with good health, happiness and continued success.*

Adopted at Sacramento, California, this twenty-sixth day of April 2016, by the State Board of Equalization.