

Honoring
LYNN BARTOLO
On Her Retirement

WHEREAS, Lynn Bartolo, Acting Deputy Director of the Special Taxes and Fees department, and the Sales and Use Tax Department, retired on May 16, 2016, after more than thirty-seven years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the California State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Lynn's distinguished state career began at the State Board of Equalization on December 4, 1978, as an Office Assistant (Typing) in the Oakland District Office; and in May 1980 she transferred to the Hayward Branch Office and promoted to Program Technician II on July 1, 1980; and on December 1, 1982, she was promoted to Program Technician III, in the Sales and Use Tax Department, Petitions Section; and

WHEREAS, as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, she advanced to positions of increasing responsibility, earning appointment on February 11, 1985, to the position of Business Taxes Representative in the San Mateo Branch and in September 1989, transferred to the San Francisco District Office; and on August 6, 1990, promoted to Business Taxes Compliance Specialist in the Consumer Use Tax Division; she advanced to Business Taxes Compliance Supervisor II on October 1, 1991; and on April 17, 1995, she was promoted to Business Taxes Compliance Supervisor III in the Environmental Fees Division of the Property and Special Taxes Department; and, she was appointed on May 6, 2005, to Business Taxes Administrator II in the Excise Taxes and Fees Division; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, on April 18, 2006, Lynn was appointed Chief of the Excise Taxes and Fees Division, where she continued to serve as Chief of the newly-formed Special Taxes Policy and Compliance Division; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2014, Lynn became the Acting Deputy Director of the Special Taxes and Fees Department; and on July 13, 2015, she assumed the duties of the Deputy Director of the Sales and Use Tax Department. Lynn served with commitment and dedication in that capacity until her retirement; and

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2015, Lynn received national recognition by the Federation of Tax Administrators for her leadership and dedication to tobacco tax administration and enforcement, and was presented the Charles Mills Lifetime Achievement Award. She has served as Western Region Governor, FTA Tobacco Section; and facilitated the procurement and implementation of California's technology-based cigarette tax stamp. The successful implementation of the Electronic Waste Recycling, Ballast Water Management, and Fire Prevention Fee programs can be directly attributed to Lynn's expertise and leadership; and

WHEREAS, throughout her many years of service, Lynn has served the people of this state with fairness and dedication. In all her endeavors she has reflected great credit upon the State Board of Equalization and has earned high regard and respect throughout the community of tax administrators for her integrity and outstanding service to the State and the people of California; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Lynn Bartolo 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 and happiness in the years to come.

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

Honoring
MERLY R. DINO
On Her Retirement

WHEREAS, Merly R. Dino, Business Taxes Specialist I, Special Operations Branch, Investigation and Special Operations Division, in the Legal Department, will retire on August 1, 2016, after thirty-one years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Merly R. Dino began her career with the Board of Equalization on February 7, 1985, as an Office Assistant II (Typing) in the Oakland Office; and

WHEREAS, as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, and increasing responsibility, Merly earned appointment to the positions of Program Technician I and Program Technician II, in the Oakland Office, from August 1985 to August 1992, then was appointed to positions of Program Technician III and Business Taxes Representative in the San Francisco Office until April 1998; then back to the Oakland Office as a Business Taxes Compliance Specialist until June 2005, when she transferred to the Legal Department, Special Operations Branch; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, Merly was appointed to the position of Business Taxes Specialist I in the Legal Department, Special Operations Branch in October 2006; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Merly 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 Merly R. Dino 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-fifth day of May 2016, by the State Board of Equalization.

Honoring
CYNTHIA L. THOMAS

On Her Retirement

WHEREAS, *Cynthia L. Thomas, Business Taxes Administrator I, in the Return Analysis Unit, Business Tax and Fee Department, retired on May 16, 2016, after thirty-nine and one-half years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State Board of Equalization and the State of California; and*

WHEREAS, *she began her career with the Board of Equalization in June 1976, as a Clerk Typist in the Alphabetical Reference Unit, and then Assessment Standards, in Sacramento, California; 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 Office Technician, in 1981, in the Forms Management Division; then transferring to Special Procedures in the Business Taxes Division, in September 1984, where she promoted to Program Technician II; and*

WHEREAS, *after ably serving in Special Procedures, she moved to the Return Review Section advancing to the positions of Program Technician III in February 1988; Business Taxes Representative in September 1988; and Business Taxes Compliance Specialist in December 1994; and*

WHEREAS, *in recognition of Cynthia's outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, she promoted to Business Taxes Specialist I in December 2001; Business Taxes Compliance Supervisor II in December 2004; and Business Taxes Administrator I in December 2012; and*

WHEREAS, *Cynthia has served the people of this state with fairness and dedication during her long tenure with the State Board of Equalization, her leadership abilities have been instrumental to the successful administration of various goals within the Business Tax and Fee Department and has significantly contributed to the mission and goals of the State Board of Equalization: Therefore be it*

RESOLVED, *that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Cynthia L. Thomas 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-fifth day of May 2016, by the State Board of Equalization.