

Honoring
LAURA A. SOOHOO
On Her Retirement

WHEREAS, Laura A. SooHoo, Assistant to the Executive Director of the State Board of Equalization will retire on July 24, 2022, after more than twenty-four years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the California State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Laura began her career with the California State Board of Equalization on September 1, 1998, as an Office Assistant in the Refund Section of the Sales and Use Tax Department, then quickly advanced to the position of Office Technician for the Chief of the Policy, Planning, and Standards Division of the Property Tax Department on March 1, 1999; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her diligent work and demonstrated ability, she was promoted to the position of Executive Secretary II in the Appeals Division of the Legal Department on November 1, 2000, and immediately thereafter, was promoted to a Staff Services Analyst with the Policy, Planning, and Standards Division of the Property Tax Department on December 26, 2000; and

WHEREAS, as a reflection of her exemplary work ethic and dedication, on July 15, 2004, she was promoted to an Associate Governmental Program Analyst in the Policy, Planning, and Standards Division of the Property Tax Department. On April 10, 2006, she transferred to the Policy, Planning, and Evaluation Division in the Administration Department where she continued as an Associate Governmental Program Analyst and worked on the State Board of Equalization Administrative Manual (BEAM), assisted with career fairs, and supported the Superior Accomplishment Awards Program for the agency. On January 1, 2009, as a result of a reorganization, she joined the Executive Services Section as an Associate Governmental Program Analyst in the External Affairs Department where she worked on special projects for then Executive Director Ramon J. Hirsig; and

WHEREAS, due to her outstanding professionalism, expertise, exceptional insight, and discretion, she was appointed as the Assistant to the Executive Director on April 1, 2011. She has the distinction of serving six Executive Directors of the State Board of Equalization over the past eleven years; Kristine Cazadd, Cynthia Bridges, David J. Gau, Dean R. Kinnee, Brenda J. Fleming, and Yvette M. Stowers. She anticipated every need of each Executive Director she served, ensured that all Executive Directors she assisted were prepared, and led the Executive Office administrative staff with grace and care; and

WHEREAS, throughout her many years of service, Laura has earned the respect and admiration of her coworkers and peers. Laura's contributions include significant involvement in agency-wide activities, including serving as the Chair for the Bring Your Kids to Work Day program in 2001, the Co-Chair of the Food Drive in 2007, and the Sergeant-at-Arms for the State Board of Equalization meetings from 2001-2005. Her integrity and outstanding service to the people of California attest to the high level of her dedication and skill in serving the people of the state, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Laura A. SooHoo 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.

Adopted at Sacramento, California, this twenty-fourth day of May 2022, by the State Board of Equalization.