

Honoring

LISA THOMPSON

On Her Retirement

WHEREAS, Lisa Thompson, Chief of the Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office, has dedicated her entire professional career to public service, spanning more than three decades with the California State Board of Equalization, beginning on February 13, 1991, and culminating in her retirement on May 29, 2026; and

WHEREAS, throughout her distinguished tenure, Ms. Thompson has demonstrated exceptional leadership, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to the fair and equitable administration of California's property tax programs; and

WHEREAS Ms. Thompson advanced through positions of increasing responsibility, including Tax Auditor, Property Auditor-Appraiser, Senior Property Appraiser, Supervising Property Appraiser, Principal Property Appraiser, Business Taxes Administrator III, and culminating in an appointment to a Career Executive Assignment position, and throughout her career consistently exemplified professionalism, exceptional technical expertise, and a deep understanding of property tax law and policy; and

WHEREAS, in her role as Chief of the Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office, Ms. Thompson has served as a trusted and compassionate advocate for numerous taxpayers across the State of California, facilitating the resolution of complex issues, ensuring fair treatment, and providing critical education and assistance to thousands of taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thompson has played a vital role in strengthening collaboration among state and local partners, including the Board, 58 County Assessors, government officials, and stakeholders, while contributing to the development of policies, procedures, and programs that have improved transparency, consistency, and service delivery; and

WHEREAS, her work has included overseeing property tax programs, enhancing taxpayer education efforts, improving exemption and training processes, and serving as a subject matter expert in complex matters, all of which have left a lasting and meaningful impact on the administration of California's property tax system; and

WHEREAS Ms. Thompson's dedication to mentorship and professional development has supported the growth of countless colleagues, fostering a culture of excellence and public service that will continue well beyond her tenure; and

WHEREAS, beyond her professional accomplishments, Ms. Thompson is known for her passion for travel and her enthusiasm for experiencing the world, her deep appreciation for time spent with family and friends, and her joyful spirit, often bringing people together and making every occasion memorable, while offering warmth and perspective in all aspects of her personal and professional life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the Board, hereby commend and honor Lisa Thompson for her exemplary career, her steadfast commitment to serving the people of California, and her lasting contributions to the fair administration of the State's property tax system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board extends its deepest gratitude for her decades of dedicated service to the California State Board of Equalization and expresses its sincere best wishes for a rewarding and fulfilling retirement filled with continued travel, joy, and good health in the years to come.

Adopted at Sacramento, California, this 27th day of May 2026, by the California State Board of Equalization.