

Honoring
MALENE EVANS
On Her Retirement

WHEREAS, Malene Evans, Staff Information Systems Analyst, Specialist in the Technology Services Division, will retire on August 21, 2009, after twenty-nine years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Malene began her career with the Board of Equalization on November 13, 1979, as an Office Assistant II; 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, Typing; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, she was appointed to the position of Supervising Program Technician III in January 1989, Office Services Manager I in June 1994, and Staff Information Systems Analyst, Specialist in July 2004; and

WHEREAS, throughout her many years of service, Malene 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 Malene Evans 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 for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

Adopted in Sacramento, California, this twenty-first day of July 2009, by the State Board of Equalization.

Honoring
PETER C. GAFFNEY
On His Retirement

***WHEREAS,** Peter (Pete) C. Gaffney, Business Taxes Specialist II in the Operations Section of the Property and Special Taxes Department, will retire on August 31, 2009, after 28 years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and*

***WHEREAS,** after graduation from the University of San Diego in 1971 with a BA degree in English, Pete worked briefly in the private sector, then began his career in the property tax field in 1974 as a property tax appraiser with the Yolo County Assessor's office. He joined the Board on June 1, 1981, as an Assistant Property Appraiser, and advanced to positions of increasing responsibility, first to Associate Property Appraiser, then Senior Specialist Property Appraiser, and Supervising Property Appraiser. In December 2006, he was promoted to Business Taxes Specialist II, where he served until his retirement; and*

***WHEREAS,** throughout his 28 years in the Property Taxes area of the Property and Special Taxes Department of the Board, Pete performed key functions in the County-Assessed Properties Division, including work (as an instructor) in its Training and Certification Section, Exemptions Section, Technical Services Section, and Assessment Practices Surveys Section. Pete's hard work, dedication, and attention to detail have earned him the respect of his coworkers and the property tax assessment community, and contributed to the mission and goals of the State Board of Equalization; and*

***WHEREAS,** throughout his many years of service, Pete has served the people of this State with dedication: Therefore be it*

***RESOLVED,** that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Peter C. Gaffney our sincere and grateful appreciation for his highly esteemed service to the 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 continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.*

Adopted in Sacramento, California, this twenty-first day of July 2009, by the State Board of Equalization.

Honoring
ROBERT R. GENIELLA
On His Retirement

WHEREAS, Robert (Bob) R. Geniella, Business Taxes Compliance Specialist in the Return Analysis Unit of the Sales and Use Tax Division, retired on May 31, 2009, after thirty-three years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Bob began his career with the Board of Equalization on November 1, 1976, as a Tax Representative Trainee in the Return Review Unit of the Business Taxes Division; and

WHEREAS, as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, he advanced to positions of increasing responsibility, first earning appointment to the position of Tax Representative in 1977, later called Business Taxes Representative, and after ably serving the Return Review Unit, he accepted a position in the Hazardous Waste Program of the Excise Tax Unit as a Tax Representative in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Bob returned to the Return Review Unit in 1987 and continued his dedicated toil to the unit as they moved to their new location in 1993, and later became known as the Return Analysis Unit, and in recognition of his outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, he was appointed to the position of Business Taxes Compliance Specialist in 1995; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many years of service, Bob has served the people of this state with fairness and dedication, further, he has earned the respect and admiration of management and coworkers for his knowledge, efficiency and humor, and he will be missed by all: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Robert R. Geniella 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 in Sacramento, California, this twenty-first day of July 2009, by the State Board of Equalization.

Honoring
KATHRYN A. HERNANDEZ
On Her Retirement

WHEREAS, Kathryn (Kathy) A. Hernandez, Tax Technician III in the Return Analysis Unit of the Sales and Use Tax Division, retired on May 15, 2009, after thirty-eight years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Kathy began her career with the Board of Equalization on December 3, 1971, as a Clerk Typist in the Account Reference Section; 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 Program Technician in the Return Review Unit on January 1, 1983; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her outstanding leadership skills and proven professionalism, she was appointed to the position of Tax Technician III in September 7, 1993; and

WHEREAS, throughout her many years of service, Kathy has served the people of this state with fairness and dedication, further, she has earned the respect and admiration of management and coworkers for her knowledge, efficiency, and humor, and she will be missed by all: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Kathryn A. Hernandez 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 for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

Adopted in Sacramento, California, this twenty-first day of July 2009, by the State Board of Equalization.

Honoring
KENNETH RUMENAPP
On His Retirement

WHEREAS, Kenneth Rumenapp, Business Taxes Specialist I in the Petitions Section, will retire on June 30, 2009, after over thirty-four years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth began his career with the Board of Equalization on January 11, 1975, as a Tax Auditor I in the Covina Branch Office of the Pasadena District; and

WHEREAS, as a result of diligent work and demonstrated ability, he advanced to positions of increasing responsibility, first earning appointment to the position of Tax Auditor II in February 1976, and Associate Tax Auditor in February 1980; and

WHEREAS, while conscientiously serving the Covina District Office, Kenneth earned his Certified Public Accountant Certificate in March 1982, and in recognition of his excellent technical and training skills and proven professionalism, he moved to Sacramento and worked in the Excise Taxes Division with the Telephone and Energy Sections, advancing to the position of Tax Auditor IV in June 1984; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding dedication, leadership, and exemplary service, which was a model for others to emulate and a reflection of the highest credit upon him, National University awarded him their Certificate of Leadership in May 1986, and he continued his career in the Environmental Fees Division moving to the new 24 story Headquarters building when it first opened in January 1993, and he was appointed to the position of Business Taxes Specialist I in June 1996 with the Headquarters Operations-Petitions Section; and

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

RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Kenneth Rumenapp 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 for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

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