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### **BOE Chairman Jerome E. Horton Responds to Maya Angelou Passing**

*El Segundo* – California State Board of Equalization Chairman Jerome E. Horton issued this statement regarding the passing of author and poet, Maya Angelou.

“I am deeply saddened by the death of Maya Angelou, an extraordinary woman whose legacy will live-on through her teachings, her activism, her artistry and her humanity. She will always be remembered for her poetry, which was only one element of many accomplishments that she so artfully achieved as a woman whose voice encouraged equality, tolerance, and peace.”

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Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization’s Legislative Committee Chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board of Equalization collects more than \$56 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit [www.taxes.ca.gov](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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