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**Vice Chairperson Jerome E. Horton**

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## **Vice Chair Jerome E. Horton Receives California Black Media 2010 Newsmaker Award**

SACRAMENTO – The California Black Media (CBM) recognized Jerome E. Horton, Vice Chairperson of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), with their 2010 Newsmaker Award for his leadership as the first African American to serve on the Board of Equalization since its initiation, for protecting the California taxpayers, and for his longtime record of inspiring, mentoring and teaching others about accessing our government and its many outreach opportunities. The award was given at the 3rd Annual CBM Summit and Newsmaker Luncheon on May 20 at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento.

“I am honored and proud to be recognized by an organization that plays such an important role in political information and education in California,” said Vice Chair Horton. “I intend to continue to make news in tax equity, ensuring that everyone is paying their fair share for education, roads, and the entire public infrastructure that helps our economy grow and our people prosper.”

Vice Chairperson Horton received his award during the California Black Media Summit and Newsmakers Luncheon where Alice Huffman, President of the California NAACP and Aubry Stone, President of the Black California Chamber of Commerce were also honored.

“As we enter a new decade, we are facing unprecedented critical issues throughout the state: an economy in crisis, low achievement rates among African American students, deep budget cuts, high unemployment rates, and home foreclosures. In these difficult times, the California Black Media is appreciative of Board Member Horton's dedication of promoting economic growth and prosperity throughout the state” said Paulette Brown- Hinds, Director of California Black Media

The California Black Media is a coalition of 22 Black-owned publications and radio stations disseminating news and providing significant opportunities to the state’s African American consumers.

Vice Chairperson Jerome E. Horton is the 4th District Member of the BOE, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the BOE Legislative Committee chairperson. Horton is the first African American to serve on the BOE since its inception in 1879, and the third African American constitutional officer in California’s history. Horton was appointed by the Governor and confirmed by both the Assembly and the Senate in 2009. Horton previously served as an Assembly member from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$53 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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