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Board of Equalization Selects New Chairman and Vice Chair

Sacramento – On January 28, 2020, at the California State Board of Equalization (BOE) meeting in Sacramento, the Board selected Board Member Antonio Vazquez as its new Chairman and Member Mike Schaefer as Vice Chair.

As Chairman, Antonio Vazquez will also serve as a voting Member of the California Franchise Tax Board.

“I am humbled and thankful for the opportunity to have served nearly 10 million Californians in my district as BOE Vice Chair in 2019. Now, as Chairman of the BOE, I look forward to providing an even higher level of service to the people of California in 2020,” Chairman Vazquez said. “2019 provided a wealth of knowledge and experience that will inform my efforts in 2020 to help strengthen the Board of Equalization in its mission to *serve the public through fair, effective, and efficient tax administration* – and further establish and solidify our value and effectiveness as the elected Board.”

The elected Members of the Board of Equalization include Chairman Antonio Vazquez (Third District), Vice Chair Mike Schaefer (Fourth District), Ted Gaines (First District), and Malia M. Cohen (Second District). Betty Yee, the State Controller, sits on the Board of Equalization as an ex officio member.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is the nation's only state elected tax board.

For more information on the BOE, visit www.boe.ca.gov.

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The Board of Equalization is the only elected tax board in the country. Its five members include four equalization district members, and the State Controller. Under its constitutional mandate, the BOE oversees the assessment practices of the state's 58 county assessors, who are charged with establishing values for approximately 12.8 million assessments each year. In addition, the BOE assesses the property of regulated railroads and specific public utilities and assesses and collects the private railroad car tax. The BOE's monthly meetings offer taxpayers and other interested parties opportunities to participate in the formulation of rules and regulations adopted by the Board. For more information on the BOE, visit www.boe.ca.gov.

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