

Honoring
BARBARA BUUS
On Her Retirement

***WHEREAS**, Barbara Buus, who served with distinction in the First District Board Member's Office of the California State Board of Equalization, is retiring after many years of outstanding and meritorious service to the State of California and the California State Board of Equalization; and*

***WHEREAS**, Ms. Buus began her career with the California State Board of Equalization in the First District Board Member's Office in Lancaster, where she handled Constituent Affairs for Board Member Runner and later continued her dedicated service under Board Member Gaines, assisting First District taxpayers with matters involving the approximately 40 taxes and fees overseen by the Board; and*

***WHEREAS**, in the course of her duties Ms. Buus monitored the public account daily, answered telephone inquiries, routed calls and emails to appropriate staff, and carefully tracked taxpayer questions—including recurring issues related to taxes and penalties on cigarettes purchased on Indian reservations and the many inquiries generated by the Fire Fee between 2011 and 2016—as well as those arising from the monthly newsletter, ensuring timely and accurate responses; and*

***WHEREAS**, beginning in 2015, Ms. Buus' responsibilities expanded to include backing up the Assistant Deputy by booking travel for the Board Member, managing scheduling in the Assistant Deputy's absence, arranging travel for the Senior Advisor in Lancaster, overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Lancaster office, completing monthly mileage reports, and conducting the annual inventory of California State Board of Equalization fixed assets; and*

***WHEREAS**, Ms. Buus demonstrated exceptional reliability and organizational skills by coordinating with Sacramento Facilities to downsize and relocate the Lancaster office in 2019 (a process delayed by the COVID-19 emergency) and again in December 2022 when the office closed due to redistricting following the census, after which she continued to serve taxpayers remotely on property tax and other tax-related matters; and*

***WHEREAS**, throughout her years of service, Ms. Buus has served the people of this state with fairness, dedication, and a genuine commitment to quality assistance, while consistently expressing appreciation for her kind, hardworking, and capable colleagues; therefore,*

***BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Members of the Board, do hereby extend to Barbara Buus our sincere and grateful appreciation for her dedicated service to the California State Board of Equalization and to the State of California, our congratulations on her well-earned retirement, and our best wishes to her and her family for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.*

Adopted at Sacramento, California, this 23rd day of September 2026, by the California State Board of Equalization.