

Brenda Fleming Executive Director www.boe.ca.gov

For Immediate Release January 31, 2019

Contact: Executive Office 916-327-4975

BOE Selects New Chair and Vice Chair

Sacramento – On January 29, 2019, the California State Board of Equalization (BOE) unanimously voted to name Board Member Malia M. Cohen as Chair and Member Antonio Vazquez as Vice Chair.

As Chair, Malia M. Cohen will also serve as a voting Member of the California Franchise Tax Board.

"I accept the trust placed in me by colleagues on the Board of Equalization," said Chair Cohen. "I look forward to working together with my colleagues to serve the people of California in a spirit of openness and transparency at the Board. We will always work to ensure that the most cost-efficient policies guide all of the operations of the Board of Equalization."

The Chair and Vice Chair positions were decided at the first meeting of the Board that includes its newly elected members: Chair Malia M. Cohen (Second District), Vice Chair Antonio Vazquez (Third District), Ted Gaines (First District) and Mike Schaefer (Fourth District). Betty Yee, the State Controller, also sits on the Board of Equalization as an ex officio member.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is the nation's only state elected tax board. For more information on the BOE, visit <u>www.boe.ca.gov</u>.

Brenda Fleming Executive Director Board of Equalization