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CALIFORNIA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICERS

SACRAMENTO – The California Board of Accountancy (Board) has announced its new leadership going forward into 2009.

Mr. Robert Petersen, of Saratoga, California, was unanimously elected by the 15-member Board to the office of Board President. Mr. Petersen previously served as Board Vice-President and has served as a member of the Board since his appointment by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on March 9, 2006.

Mr. Manuel Ramirez, of Laguna Niguel, California, was unanimously elected Board Vice President. Mr. Ramirez was appointed to the Board on May 5, 2007 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Ms. Lorraine J. Hariton was unanimously elected Board Secretary/Treasurer. Ms. Hariton, a resident of Los Altos Hills, California, was appointed to the Board January 17, 2007 by then Senate Rules Committee Chair, Don Perata.

The new officers were elected at the November 21, 2008 Board meeting held in Los Angeles. The first Board meeting of the new year will be held January 16, 2009 at the Hotel Kabuki, 1625 Post Street, San Francisco, CA . California Board of Accountancy meetings are open to the public, and Board meeting information and agendas are available on the Board's Web site, www.cba.ca.gov.

The mission of the California Board of Accountancy is to protect the public welfare, particularly consumers, by ensuring that only qualified persons and firms are licensed to practice public accountancy and that appropriate standards of competency and practice, including ethics, objectivity and independence are established and enforced.

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