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CALIFORNIA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER

SACRAMENTO – The California Board of Accountancy (CBA) has announced the appointment of Xochitl A. León to the CBA. Ms. León, of Oakland, is Vice President of Hispanic Segment Marketing at Wells Fargo Bank. Before joining Wells Fargo, she was responsible for market research and economic forecasting at Standard & Poor's DRI and CB Richard Ellis for Latin American economies and commercial real estate, respectively. She has worked at the Inter-American Development Bank and has done field research in Oaxaca, Mexico.

Ms. León is also a member of the Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE) Leadership Institute 2014, Latinas in STEM2 to Achieve Success (LISTAS), and serves as a board member of Arise High School in Oakland, CA.

Ms. León fills a public seat on the 15 member CBA, which is comprised of eight public members and seven who are Certified Public Accountants. She was appointed by the Senate Rules Committee on Thursday, January 7, 2015.

Compensation is \$100 per diem & expenses pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 103. Ms. León is a Democrat/Independent.

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