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**NEWS RELEASE****CALIFORNIA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
ELECTS NEW OFFICERS**

(Sacramento, CA) –The California Board of Accountancy (CBA) elected new leadership at its meeting on November 19, 2015 in Pasadena. Ms. Katrina Salazar, CPA was elected President of the CBA, Ms. Alicia Berhow, as Vice President, and Mr. Michael Savoy, CPA, as Secretary/Treasurer.

Ms. Salazar was appointed to the CBA in December 2012 by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. and served as Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer prior to her election as President in November 2015. She currently serves as the Controller for the California Correctional Peace Officers Association. She has also served as the Executive Director of the Rotary Club of Sacramento, Chief Financial Officer at the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges and the American Red Cross Sacramento Sierra Chapter. Ms. Salazar previously held several positions in public accounting, including senior audit manager for Reznick Group, and has been an adjunct accounting professor for the Los Rios Community College District. Ms. Salazar is a member of the California Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Ms. Berhow was appointed to the CBA by the Speaker of the Assembly in February 2011 and served as Secretary/Treasurer prior to her election as Vice President in November 2015. She has served as the Vice President of Workforce Development and Advocacy for the Orange County Business Council since April of 2007. Previously, she served for five years as Senior Field Representative for Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez working on education and health care issues. Ms. Berhow currently serves as a board member, chairing Economic Development for the Anaheim Workforce Investment Board, an Ambassador for the Delhi Center in Santa Ana, and as a board member for the Community Action Partnership - Orange County.

Mr. Savoy was appointed to the California Board of Accountancy in November 2014 by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., a position in which he previously served since 2010. He was elected as Secretary/Treasurer in November 2015 and previously held the office of Secretary/Treasurer from 2011-2012, Vice President from 2012-2013, and President from 2013-2014. Mr. Savoy is a shareholder at Gumbiner Savett Inc., and was previously a partner at Savoy & Colin. He is a member of the finance committee, executive committee and member of the board of the Los Angeles Chapter of the

Chamber of Commerce, as well as a member of the Employee Stock Ownership Plan Association. He is a past chairman of the Board of the Americas Region of BKR International. Mr. Savoy is a member of the California Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Created by statute in 1901, the CBA's mandate requires that protection of the public shall be its highest priority in exercising licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. The CBA currently regulates more than 97,000 licensees, the largest group of licensed accounting professionals in the nation, including individuals, partnerships, and corporations.

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