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CALIFORNIA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY WELCOMES ONE NEW MEMBER AND THREE RETURNING MEMBERS TO THE BOARD

SACRAMENTO – Governor Gavin Newsom appointed one new member and reappointed two current members to the California Board of Accountancy (CBA) on February 22. Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Rendon reappointed another member on March 2.

Tong “Tony” Lin was appointed to fill a public member seat, while Karriann Farrell Hinds, Esq., Joseph Rosenbaum, CPA, and Ariel Pe were reappointed to their current seats. The 15-member CBA is comprised of eight public members and seven CPA members.

Mr. Lin, of Elk Grove, is a first generation Chinese-American immigrant, Californian, and entrepreneur dedicated to serving his community. Lin served as a member of the Elk Grove Planning Commission and is currently CEO for the Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the AAPI communities through leadership and civic engagement with 43 chapters across the country. After attending the University of Massachusetts, College of Management, he developed an extensive import/export business on an international level. Since 2011, Lin has served as President of Talus Design Corporation, successfully developing and managing numerous restaurant and business operations. Pursuing his strong interest to give back to the community, he has also mentored and supported hundreds of student interns and young business professionals. Lin’s term expires November 26, 2026.

Ms. Hinds, of Los Angeles, was reappointed for a second term on the CBA by Governor Newsom. She was originally appointed by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., in 2016. Hinds has been Chief of Staff for Vista Del Mar Child and Family Services since 2021. She was External Affairs and Community Affairs Liaison for the Santa Monica College Public Policy Institute from 2015 to 2022. Hinds is a member of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women, National Women’s Political Caucus of California, and the Women’s Political Committee. She earned a Juris Doctor degree from Loyola Law School. Hinds’ term expires January 1, 2027.
Mr. Rosenbaum, of Sausalito, was also reappointed to the CBA by Governor Newsom. He was originally appointed by the Governor in 2022. Rosenbaum has been President at Rosenbaum & Co. since 2011, and was previously a Partner at Ernst & Young LLP from 1999 to 2010. He was elected as CBA Secretary/Treasurer in November 2022, and also served as Chair of the CBA’s Enforcement Advisory Committee from 2014 until 2020. Rosenbaum is a member of the California Society of CPAs (CalCPA). He earned a Master of Business Administration degree and a Juris Doctor degree from Ohio State University. Rosenbaum’s term expires January 1, 2027.

Mr. Pe, of Lakewood, was reappointed for a second term on the CBA by Speaker Rendon. He was originally appointed by the Speaker in October 2019. Pe formerly worked in global marketing for Vans Shoe Co., and currently owns his own marketing and print shop. He serves as Business Advisor with the Los Angeles Regional Small Business Development Center Network, Board Chair of the Lakewood YMCA, and Advisory Council Member for the Bellflower Unified School District Career Technical Education Program. Pe is also a member of the Lakewood City Council, Long Beach City College Foundation Board, California Contract Cities Association, Gateway Cities COG Board, and League of California Cities. His term expires January 1, 2027.

The positions do not require Senate confirmation, and are compensated $100 per diem.

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