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CALIFORNIA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY WELCOMES TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

SACRAMENTO – Governor Gavin Newsom appointed two new members to the California Board of Accountancy (CBA) on October 12. Patricia Batchelor, CPA, and Theresa Thompson, CPA, were appointed to fill the two vacant CPA member seats. The 15-member CBA is comprised of eight public members and seven CPA members.

Ms. Batchelor, of Redondo Beach, has been owner of her business, Patricia Batchelor, Certified Public Accountant, since 2004. She earned a Master of Science degree in Taxation from Golden Gate University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Redlands. Ms. Batchelor is a member of the California Society of Certified Public Accountants, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the Alliance of Black Women Accountants. Her term will expire on January 1, 2024.

Ms. Thompson, also of Redondo Beach, has been Partner at PwC since 2019 and held a variety of positions there from 2008 to 2019 including State and Local Tax Director, State and Local Tax Manager, Senior Tax Associate, and Tax Associate. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the California Society of Certified Public Accountants. Ms. Thompson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Santa Clara University. Her term will expire on November 26, 2026.

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