



BETTY T. YEE 2010

STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, FIRST DISTRICT

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Dear Fellow Cal Bears:

As a Cal Berkeley alumnus, it would be a tremendous honor for me to earn your endorsement today for my re-election this year to the Board of Equalization, First District. I represent 8.5 million Californians living in the First Equalization District, which is comprised of 21 counties in northern and central coastal California including the entire San Francisco Bay Area. I was elected to the State Board of Equalization in November 2006 with over 1 million votes, or 65% of the votes cast, earning endorsements from every major Democratic constituency and a wide array of both elected and community leaders.

The California State Board of Equalization is the nation's only elected tax commission. Its five members are state constitutional officers who serve concurrent four-year terms. Every day, I work hard to uphold California's tax laws when ruling on the hundreds of tax appeals that come before the Board. Together, we work to determine the businesses that are subject to complying with the State's taxes and environmental fees that generate over \$53 billion in annual revenue to support vital public services such as public education. I am also committed to having the BOE provide high quality customer service to assist taxpayers with meeting their tax obligations.

As a lifelong Democrat, I always try to find time to support Democratic Party grassroots activities – whether raising money, getting out the vote to elect Democrats, or speaking publicly in an attempt to defeat misguided measures such as Propositions 4 and 8 in 2008. I believe public service is the highest honor, and I have made it a personal commitment throughout my 25-year public service career to serve as a mentor to youth, women, and those from our ethnic communities who aspire to run for office or to pursue a career in public service. I also serve on the Board of Directors of the Cal Alumni Association at Berkeley, where I chair the Equity Scholarship Committee to ensure scholarships are available to students from under-represented communities so Cal can maintain the important value of diversity as an integral part of the student experience.

I respectfully request the endorsement of Cal Berkeley Democrats and if earned, I will proudly carry this endorsement in my re-election campaign.

Thank you for your friendship and support. Go Bears!

Betty T. Yee
Chairwoman, Board of Equalization