

State of California

Memorandum

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To: The Commission
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From: Kelly A. Hymes
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Subject: Discussion and Action on Proposed Appointments to the Low Income Oversight Board

Public Utilities Code Section 382.1 establishes the Low Income Oversight Board (LIOB) to advise the Commission on low-income electric, gas, and water customer issues. The LIOB is comprised of eleven members, five of which must have experience working with low-income communities (also known as “public representative” positions). The Commission approves the public representative positions. Article 3.2 of the LIOB Charter provides that the eleven LIOB members serve two-year terms commencing upon appointment by the Commission. On January 10, 2010, the term expired for two of the LIOB public representative positions.

Commissioner Dian M. Grueneich issued an Assigned Commissioner Ruling on November 17, 2009 seeking applications for the available positions. Following a review of the applications and interviews with the applicants, **Commissioner Grueneich recommends that, during the January 21, 2010 business meeting, the Commission approve the appointments of Jose Hernandez and Faith Bautista to the two LIOB public representative positions.**

As a Senior Policy Consultant and Director of Policy Development to Senator Richard Alarcon between 2001 and 2006, Mr. Hernandez focused on, among other issues, energy and poverty-related policies. Currently a Senior Associate for Policy and External Affairs with ConnectEd: The California Center for College and Career, Mr. Hernandez is deeply involved in the movement to train at-risk youth for jobs in the

green economy. Mr. Hernandez has served as Vice Chair to the LIOB for the past year of his two-year term and is currently the Chair of the Brightline Defense Project in San Francisco and the Vice-Chair of the Salvadoran Leadership and Educational Fund Board.

Faith Bautista has worked for the protection of the Asian-American and Asian immigrant communities for over twenty years. The Executive Director for Mabuhay Alliance in San Diego, her leadership has led to the growth of Mabuhay, reaching more than 5 million Asian Americans throughout California. Faith has served on the Marketing, Education and Outreach subcommittee of the LIOB during her two-year term and is active in other organizations whose interest is assisting the low income and minority populations of California. In 2009, Filipinas Magazine presented her with an Achievement Award in Community Service.

Ms. Bautista and Mr. Hernandez are both highly qualified for the appointments and will be valuable additions to the LIOB.