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**To:** The Commission  
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**Subject:** Discussion and Action on the Proposed Appointment of Richard Polanco to the Low Income Oversight Board

Senate Bill 580 added two positions to the Low Income Oversight Board (LIOB) effective January 1, 2006. One position is for a representative of a water corporation and one position is for a representative of the public who has expertise in the low-income community. The positions are for a one-year term commencing upon appointment by the Commission.

Commissioner Grueneich issued an ACR in January 2006 seeking applications for the new positions. After review of the applications, Commissioner Grueneich recommends that the Commission appoint former Senate Majority Leader Richard Polanco to the public representative position at the March 15, 2006 business meeting.

Senator Polanco currently serves as the Chairman of the California Latino Caucus Institute for Public Policy (LCIPP). LCIPP is a non-profit, public policy, educational and leadership development organization based in Los Angeles. Senator Polanco has dedicated his career to public service and has fought tirelessly on behalf of underserved communities throughout California. During his 16 years in the California Legislature, Senator Polanco authored legislation

on minority and women-owned business enterprise certification, redevelopment of blighted urban areas, accessible telecommunications services, and after-school programs. He served as the Senator Majority Leader from 1998 to 2002 and as the chair of the Latino Legislative Caucus from 1990 until 2002.

Senator Polanco is highly qualified for the appointment and will be an extremely valuable addition to the LIOB.