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Applicant Review Panel and Alternates Selected California State Auditor's Office

Panel Members



NASIR AHMADI is an active Certified Public Accountant and has over 15 years of experience as an independent auditor with the California State Auditor's Office. Mr. Ahmadi currently serves as a team lead in his position as Senior Auditor Evaluator II. In addition to the numerous independent audits of California's financial statements, Mr. Ahmadi has also participated on many audits including audits of the State Bar of California, the former Department of Health Services, Department of Transportation, as well as conducted investigations of improper activities by state employees. Additionally, Mr. Ahmadi participates in the California State Auditor's recruiting program. Mr. Ahmadi has a B.S. in Accounting from CSU, San Diego, and is registered with the Republican Party.



MARY CAMACHO has been with the California State Auditor's Office since 2006 and is currently a Senior Auditor Evaluator II. In her role, she has led independent audits of the California financial statements, the State Overtime Costs, the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board, and the Department of Housing and Community Development. Prior to joining the office, Ms. Camacho conducted independent audits of state entities for 10 years at the Department of Finance. Ms. Camacho earned a B.S. in Accounting at CSU Sacramento and is an active Certified Public Accountant. Ms. Camacho is registered as decline-to-state.



KERRI SPANO has been conducting independent investigative audits as an investigative auditor with the California State Auditor's Office since 2007. In her position, Ms. Spano investigates improper activities by state employees. Prior to joining the office, for six years Ms. Spano conducted investigative audits with the Department of Justice and independent audits for three years with the Department of Finance. She earned a B.S. in Accounting from CSU Sacramento and is an active Certified Public Accountant. Ms. Spano is registered with the Democratic Party.



Alternate Panel Members



CHARLES NORMAN (NORM) CALLOWAY, having earned a B.S. in Business Administration and Accounting from CSU Stanislaus, is currently a Senior Auditor Evaluator III for the California State Auditor's Office and is an active Certified Public Accountant. With over 20 years of experience performing independent audits for the office and its predecessor agency, the Office of the Auditor General. Mr. Calloway has conducted and led independent audits in numerous areas including County Poll Workers, Veterans Home of California at Yountville, California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, Nonprofit Hospitals, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Program, and Cajon Valley Union School District. Mr. Calloway is registered with the Republican Party.



PHILIP JELICICH is a Deputy State Auditor with the California State Auditor's Office and has nearly 30 years experience with the office and its predecessor agency, the Office of the Auditor General, conducting, leading, or managing numerous independent audits concerning a wide variety of subjects and entities including the California Energy Markets, the Department of Education, the Department of Insurance, the Department of Health Services, and the Department of Social Services. Further, Mr. Jelicich managed investigations of improper activities by state employees. In addition, as a member of the executive management team, Mr. Jelicich is involved in policy making and is instrumental to the recruiting activities for the office. Mr. Jelicich earned a B.S. in Accounting and Finance and an M.B.A. in Finance from CSU Sacramento. He is also an active Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Public Financial Officer. Mr. Jelicich is registered as decline-to-state.



MIKE TILDEN has over 15 years of experience conducting independent audits with the California State Auditor's Office. Mr. Tilden has conducted, led, and managed a wide variety of independent audits including audits of the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board, California Public Schools, Pharmaceuticals, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the Department of Industrial Relations, and the Franchise Tax Board. Having earned a B.S. in Accounting from CSU Sacramento, Mr. Tilden is currently an Audit Principal with the office. Further, he is an active Certified Public Accountant and is registered with the Democratic Party.

Legal Counsel to Applicant Review Panel



STEPHANIE RAMIREZ-RIDGEWAY was admitted to the California State Bar in 1997 and has over eight years of experience as a government lawyer. After working in a plaintiffs' litigation firm where she focused on employment matters, Ms Ramirez-Ridgeway joined the nonpartisan office of the Legislative Counsel. As a Deputy Legislative Counsel, she primarily practiced employment law. Subsequently, Ms. Ramirez-Ridgeway spent three years as an attorney at the State Personnel Board, advising the board on public employment, litigation, and open meeting issues. She joined the State Auditor's Office in 2008 where, in addition to providing advice and counsel for a number of audits, she handles employment and public records matters and serves as the Privacy Officer. Ms. Ramirez-Ridgeway has a B.A in History from CSU Fresno and obtained her law degree from the University of California at Davis.