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Steinberg Announces Committee Chair Assignments

(SACRAMENTO) – State Senate President pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg today announced his nominees for Senate committee chairs, forming a legislative team to develop serious solutions for serious times. Steinberg selected the following Senators as committee chairs with an eye toward quickly resolving immediate budget challenges to allow the Senate to move forward on equally critical issues essential to rebuilding the state’s economy and stimulating job creation, reforming government, and creating stronger links between education curriculum and job opportunities.

“We have to put this fiscal crisis behind us and do it early,” said Steinberg. “At the same time, we need to move forward just as quickly with our plans for economic growth, fixing our broken system of government and making education more relevant to students preparing for work in high-demand careers.”

Toward that end, Senator Steinberg is also consolidating the Revenue & Taxation and Local Government committees into the new Senate Committee on Governance and Finance, to be chaired by Senator Lois Wolk. The new committee will help guide the Senate’s reform effort to move government closer to the people, improve government accountability and efficiency, and restore public trust in their government.

The committee chair designations will be formally considered for adoption by the Senate Rules Committee at its next meeting on January 12, 2011. The full list of Senate committee membership assignments likely will be released within the next week.

Agriculture: Tom Berryhill

Appropriations: Christine Kehoe

Banking & Financial Institutions: Juan Vargas

Budget & Fiscal Review: Mark Leno

Budget Subcommittee #1 – Education: Carol Liu

Budget Subcommittee #2 - Resources, Environmental Protection, Energy, & Transportation: Joe Simitian

Budget Subcommittee #3 - Health & Human Services, Labor & Veteran's Affairs: Mark DeSaulnier

Budget Subcommittee #4 - State Administration, General Government & Judicial: Michael Rubio

Budget Subcommittee #5 – Corrections and Public Safety: Loni Hancock

Business & Professions: Curren Price, Jr.

Education: Alan Lowenthal

Elections & Constitutional Amendments: Lou Correa

Energy, Utilities and Communications: Alex Padilla

Environmental Quality: Joe Simitian

Governance & Finance: Lois Wolk

Governmental Organization: Roderick Wright

Health: Ed Hernandez, O.D.

Human Services: Carol Liu

Insurance: Ron Calderon

Judiciary: Noreen Evans

Labor & Industrial Relations: open – Vice Chair Ellen Corbett

Legislative Ethics: Mimi Walters

Natural Resources and Water: Fran Pavley

Public Employment and Retirement: Gloria Negrete McLeod

Public Safety: Loni Hancock

Rules: Darrell Steinberg

Transportation and Housing: Mark DeSaulnier

Veterans Affairs: Lou Correa