

Who Are the Three Independent Auditors Who Will Serve on the Applicant Review Panel?

Angela Dickison: Currently a Senior Auditor Evaluator II and earned a B.S. in Accounting at Sacramento State. She has been with the California State Auditor's Office since 2005. Ms. Dickison is a Certified Public Accountant and has led audits of California's financial statements, the State Bar's financial operations and management practices, accounts outside California's centralized treasury system, homelessness in California, and the hepatitis A outbreak in San Diego, among others. Ms. Dickison registered with the Democratic Party.

Ben Belnap: Serves as a Deputy State Auditor with the California State Auditor's Office, with responsibility for leading a branch of the office's audits division that focuses on performance and information technology audits. In 2001, Mr. Belnap began his auditing career as a staff auditor for the California State Auditor's Office. In that same year, Mr. Belnap graduated with B.A. in Economics from Brigham Young University. Before earning his degree, Mr. Belnap worked full time as a finance forms programmer for car dealerships throughout the Northwest. During the last 18 years, Mr. Belnap—a Certified Internal Auditor—has served as Principal Auditor or audit supervisor for more than 40 published audit reports, including reports related to child protective services, the University of California, and Medi-Cal. Mr. Belnap is active in Sacramento community, coaching numerous sports teams upon which his four children play, and he is registered to vote as No Party Preference.

Ryan Coe: Currently serving as an Auditor Specialist II in the IT Audits Unit. He is a Certified Information Systems Auditor with more than 10 years of experience conducting audits of state and local government entities at the California State Auditor's Office. Mr. Coe has conducted audits on a wide variety of topics including education, public safety, health care, and information security. He earned a B.A. in English from CSU Stanislaus and a master's degree in Business Administration from Fresno State. Mr. Coe is registered with the Republican Party.

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Ralph Flynn: Has more than 13 years of experience conducting independent audits with the California State Auditor's Office. Mr. Flynn currently serves as a Senior Auditor Evaluator II, and he has conducted and led independent audits in a variety of areas, including audits of the California Department of Transportation, California Department of Veterans Affairs, Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Program, and the Mental Health Services Act. Mr. Flynn earned a B.A. in History from Gonzaga University and a Juris Doctor from Creighton University. Mr. Flynn is registered with the Democratic Party.



Linus Li: A Principal Auditor with the California State Auditor's Office. Mr. Li has managed performance audits of state agencies and local governments, including the California Department of Education, California Public Utilities Commission, and the city of Lincoln. In addition to his 13 years with the California State Auditor's Office, Mr. Li has extensive experience working for management consulting firms that focused on improving governance, operations, and business processes of state and local governments throughout the nation. He also worked as a financial auditor for a public accounting firm, where he was responsible for conducting external financial audits of local governments and other entities. Mr. Li earned a B.A. in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting from the University of Washington and a master's degree in Business Administration from Sacramento State. Mr. Li is registered as No Party Preference.

Josh Hooper: A Senior Auditor Evaluator I with the California State Auditor's Office and has served with the office since 2008. Mr. Hooper has worked on and led a variety of independent performance audits, including audits of the University of California, Judicial Branch of California, and Department of Health Care Services' provision of preventive services for children in Medi-Cal. He has also worked on investigations of improper governmental activities by state employees and conducted work on the annual independent audit of California's compliance with federal regulations as part of California's Single Audit. Mr. Hooper participates in the National Legislative Program Evaluation Society and contributes to that organization's official newsletter. Mr. Hooper earned a B.A. in Business Administration from Sacramento State, is a Certified Internal Auditor and a Certified Fraud Examiner, and he is registered with the Republican Party.

