

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**Executive Order N-08-19**

**(The State of California Representative for International Affairs and Trade  
Development)**

**WHEREAS** California competes on the global stage as the fifth largest economy in the world with \$2.7 trillion in annual gross domestic product, and is home to nearly 40 million diverse people, internationally renowned leaders, inspiration, and innovation; and

**WHEREAS** California is the second largest exporter state, exporting to over 220 countries and accounting for eleven percent of the United States' overall exported products; and

**WHEREAS** it is vital to the nation's economy for California to continue as a leader in trade and on the international stage; and

**WHEREAS** the state must work across all agencies and departments to expand economic development and strengthen international political and economic ties; and

**WHEREAS** strong international partnerships can fuel economic growth, job creation, and prosperity for all Californians; and

**WHEREAS** Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis has served as a United States Ambassador and has agreed to represent and advise the Governor's office on international affairs and trade development, in coordination with state agencies, departments, boards and commissions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby issue the following order to become effective immediately.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis shall serve as the Governor's Representative for International Affairs and Trade Development.
2. As the Governor's Representative for International Affairs and Trade Development, Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis, in coordination with the Governor's Chief Business and Economic Advisor, shall advise the Governor on international opportunities and provide recommendations to promote and expand trade, investment and foreign relations.
3. Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis, as the Governor's Representative for International Affairs and Trade Development shall make recommendations regarding priority meetings and visits with foreign officials and other international entities and represent the Governor in such meetings when requested by the Governor.
4. An International Affairs and Trade Development Interagency Committee ("committee") is established to advise the Governor and to support the coordination of state activities relating to the promotion and expansion of trade, investment and international relations.
5. Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis shall serve as Chair and the Governor's Chief Economic and Business Advisor shall serve as Vice-

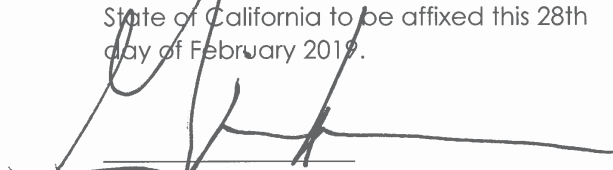
chair of the committee. The Governor's office, in coordination with the Lieutenant Governor's office, shall have responsibility for supporting the activities of the committee. The membership of the committee shall include, but is not limited to, the California Energy Commission, California Department of Food and Agriculture, Governor's Office of Emergency Services, California Environmental Protection Agency, California Natural Resources Agency, California State Transportation Agency, Visit California, and the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development.

6. The committee shall create a California Trade and Service Office Advisory Group, consisting of private sector and nongovernmental leaders, for the purposes of exploring and identifying the use of non-state funds to open and support offices promoting California trade and services globally.
7. This order shall remain in effect until December 31, 2022 and as of such date is repealed unless otherwise extended.

**IT IS FUTHER ORDERED** that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order shall be filed with the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice shall be given to this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or a procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its departments, agencies, or other entities, its officers or employees or any other person.

**IN WITNESS WEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of February 2019.



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GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State