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Appointments Staff	Issue Areas
Morgan Carvajal Appointments Secretary Assistant – Cecilia Crowley	Air Resources Board; Water (Environmental Protection Agency); Energy
Ismael Contreras Chief Deputy Appointments Secretary Assistant – Christina Alligood	Government Operations Agency; Transportation Agency; and Legal Boards
Aubrey Anthony Deputy Appointments Secretary Assistant – Elizabeth Barton-Mattos	Business and Consumer Services; Department of Veterans Affairs; Environmental Protection Agency; Licensing Boards (Non-Healing Arts)
Samantha Diaz Deputy Appointments Secretary Assistant – Christina Alligood	Senate Rules; Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; and Public Safety
Diana Essex Appointments Administrator Assistant – Izza Ahmed	Constitutional Officers (Exempt Staff); Railroad Law Enforcement; and Selective Service
Curtis Lang Deputy Appointments Secretary Assistant – Izza Ahmed	Health and Human Services Agency; Licensing Boards (Healing Arts)
Elissa Ouchida Deputy Appointments Secretary Assistant – Izza Ahmed	Higher Education; K – 12 Education; and Labor and Workforce Development Agency
Rochelle Schmidt Deputy Appointments Secretary Assistant – Elizabeth Barton-Mattos	Housing; Natural Resources Agency; and Governor's Office of Emergency Services
Savannah Mendoza Assistant Deputy Appointments Secretary	Department of Food and Agriculture; Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development; Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation; Governor's Office of Service and Community Engagement; and Fair Boards (District Agricultural Associations 1 – 52)
Cecilia Crowley Special Assistant to the Secretary	Assistant to Morgan Carvajal
Christina Alligood Special Assistant to Appointments	Senate Rules; Assistant to Ismael Contreras and Samantha Diaz
Izza Ahmed Assistant to Appointments	Assistant to Curtis Lang, Elissa Ouchida, and Diana Essex
Elizabeth Barton-Mattos Assistant to Appointments	Internship Supervisor; Assistant to Aubrey Anthony and Rochelle Schmidt

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