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Appointments Staff	Issue Areas
Morgan Carvajal ***Appointments Secretary*** *Assistant – Raquel Ramirez*	Department of Food and Agriculture; Fair Boards (District Agricultural Associations 1 – 52), Government Operations Agency; High Speed Rail
Aubrey Anthony *Deputy Appointments Secretary* Assistant – Elizabeth Barton-Mattos	Air Resources Board; Business and Consumer Services; Department of Veterans Affairs; Environmental Protection Agency; Licensing Boards (Non-Healing Arts); State Water Resources Board
Samantha Diaz *Deputy Appointments Secretary* Assistant – Christina Alligood	Senate Rules; Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; and Public Safety; Transportation Agency
Diana Essex *Appointments Administrator* Assistant – Elizabeth Barton-Mattos	Constitutional Officers (Exempt Staff); Railroad Law Enforcement; and Selective Service
Curtis Lang *Deputy Appointments Secretary* Assistant – Lesly Valtierra	Health and Human Services Agency; Licensing Boards (Healing Arts); Legal Boards
Elissa Ouchida *Deputy Appointments Secretary* Assistant – Christina Alligood	Higher Education; 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; K – 12 Education; Labor and Workforce Development Agency; Youth Empowerment Commission
Rochelle Schmidt *Deputy Appointments Secretary* Assistant – Lesly Valtierra	Housing; Natural Resources Agency; and Governor's Office of Emergency Services
Elizabeth Barton-Mattos *Appointments Manager and Assistant Administrator*	Office Manager, Intern Coordinator; Assistant to Aubrey Anthony and Diana Essex
Raquel Ramirez *Special Assistant to the Secretary*	Assistant to Morgan Carvajal
Christina Alligood *Special Assistant to Appointments*	Senate Rules; Assistant to Elissa Ouchida and Samantha Diaz
Lesly Valtierra *Assistant to Appointments*	Assistant to Curtis Lang and Rochelle Schmidt

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