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Governor Appoints Brandy Rose Buenafe to California Library Services Board

Sacramento, Calif. - Governor Brown has appointed Brandy Rose Buenafe to the California Library Services Board, where she will be representing libraries for institutionalized persons. The position is not compensated and does not require Senate confirmation.

Buenafe, a Citrus Heights resident, has been principal librarian at the Office of Correctional Education for the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation since 2014. She has also held several positions with the same department since 2007, including senior librarian for Pleasant Valley State Prison and librarian for Corcoran State Prison. She holds a Master of Library Science Degree in Library and Information Services from California State University, San Jose and is a member of the California Library Association.

She states, "It is a great honor to be selected for the Board. I am excited for this opportunity to bring the perspective of the more than 150 men and women who provide library services to California's incarcerated population to the Board, and to improve the services we can offer the offender patron."

The California Library Services Board consists of nine members appointed by the Governor and four by the Legislature. The board determines policy for and authorizes allocation of funds from

programs of the California Library Services Act, which the State Library administers. Members are on the board for four years, representing various constituencies and also serve as the State Advisory Council on Libraries for the federal Library Services and Technology Act. The State Librarian (Greg Lucas) serves as Chief Executive Officer of the California Library Services Board.

About the California State Library Founded in 1850, the <u>California State Library</u> is the central reference and research library for the Governor's office, Legislature, state employees, and the general public. The State Library leads and promotes innovative library services by providing and managing state and federal funding programs to ensure all Californians have access via their libraries to information and educational resources.