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## **California Budget Project Names Christopher Hoene Executive Director** **Expert on Policy Research, Public Finance Will Assume Duties on October 1**

SACRAMENTO – The Board of Directors of the California Budget Project (CBP) has named nationally known policy analyst Christopher Hoene as the organization's new executive director. He will join the CBP on October 1.

"Chris will be a strong leader of the CBP with a great vision for bringing high-quality analysis to the policy debate in California," said Paul Rosenstiel, CBP Board Chair. "He combines superb research credentials with a deep commitment to policies that improve the lives of low- and middle-income Californians."

An expert in public finance with strong California ties, Hoene is currently director of the Center for Research & Innovation at the National League of Cities in Washington, DC. In this role, Hoene leads a wide-ranging research program on issues such as fiscal policy, community and economic development, housing, and immigration, while serving as media spokesperson and heading up the Center's fundraising efforts.

"I am excited about the opportunity to lead the CBP, a place that policymakers, the media, community organizations, and advocates turn to for insight on what state budget policy means for families and communities," Hoene said. "We are at a critical time for California's fiscal and economic future, and I look forward to building on the CBP's stellar reputation for independent, credible, and timely analysis."

Hoene holds a Ph.D. in political science from Claremont Graduate University. His doctoral dissertation examined Proposition 13 of 1978 and its longer-term implications for state and local public finance. Much of his subsequent research and analysis has addressed issues of state-local fiscal structure, the fiscal and economic health of state and local governments, and the impacts of fiscal challenges on communities and families.

Prior to working at the National League of Cities, Hoene was a research fellow with the Public Policy Institute of California in San Francisco and also served as a policy analyst at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities in Washington.

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"The California Budget Project has appointed a top-notch leader to sustain the caliber of work for which it is known," said Nicholas Johnson, Vice President for State Fiscal Policy at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. "For nearly two decades the CBP has been a leader in the fight for sound fiscal policy, and I look forward to our continued collaboration as we take on the challenging state issues that lie ahead."

Hoene succeeds Jean Ross at the helm of the CBP. Ross was the organization's first executive director and held that position for 17 years before accepting a position with the Ford Foundation earlier this year.

Based in Sacramento, the CBP is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that conducts research and analysis on a range of state tax and budget issues, with a particular focus on issues affecting low- and middle-income Californians.

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