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## Westly Names New Chief of Staff

*LaJeunesse to Help Advance Westly's Reform Agenda*

**SACRAMENTO** – State Controller Steve Westly today announced that Ross LaJeunesse will join his office as Chief of Staff and Chief Deputy Controller, effective July 5. LaJeunesse will oversee all the Controller's operations statewide.

“Ross will lead my efforts to bring real reform and innovation to state government,” Controller Westly said. “He is energetic, proven and ready to take on the challenges of holding government accountable to the people.”

Since 2003, LaJeunesse has served as Chief of Staff to California Public Utilities Commissioner Susan P. Kennedy, working to improve consumer protection and high-technology infrastructure investment in the state through regulatory reform and other modernization efforts.

“No California leader is more committed to government innovation than Controller Westly,” said LaJeunesse. “His dynamic leadership is helping to make a better California.”

LaJeunesse previously held leadership roles at Pacific Gas and Electric Company and at Avasta, Inc., a privately held Internet infrastructure company, both in San Francisco.

In the early 1990s, LaJeunesse served as the principal advisor to Senator Edward M. Kennedy on reinventing government initiatives and national and community service issues, among other public policy matters. LaJeunesse also served on the staff of U.S. Senate Majority Leader George J. Mitchell.

LaJeunesse holds degrees from Dartmouth College and the Harvard Law School.

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