



April 14, 2017

Honorable Kevin De Leon  
Chair, Senate Rules Committee  
State Capitol, Room 400  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Appointment of Amy Tong – Chief Information Officer, California Department of Technology**

Dear President Pro Tempore De Leon:

We write to urge your confirmation of Amy Tong as the State Chief Information Officer and Director of the California Department of Technology (CDT). With her leadership spanning 20 years of State IT service, she has been influential in technology-related decisions and changes across internal and external stakeholders statewide, including state departments, and commissions.

We, the undersigned, collectively represent the majority of vendors, innovators and technology companies doing reputable and successful business with the State of California, and we strongly support Amy as a leader and the right choice to take California to the next level of innovation adoption, streamlining and efficiency. Amy has proven to be extremely effective and in her capacity thus far. For instance, she has provided a forum to bring increased transparency to CDT through the collaboration of other agencies, departments, and the private sector. She has convened a Vendor Advisory Council, which brings together CDT, the Department of General Services, and industry to establish a roadmap for modernizing IT procurement in California. We value this effort and look forward to continuing to partner with CDT in the future.

For the reasons stated above, we strongly urge you and the Senate Rules Committee to confirm Governor Brown's appointment of Amy Tong as the as the State Chief Information Officer and Director of the CDT.

Respectfully,

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Liam Crawford  
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Jennifer Saha  
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