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## State Treasurer Fiona Ma Invites Students to Investment Summit in Sacramento

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**Sacramento –** State Treasurer Fiona Ma invites students ages 13 to 19 to attend an introductory training course in investments, budgeting, and responsible borrowing that her office will be hosting in Sacramento.

"Financial awareness is a critical tool young people need to make wise decisions about their finances and to help them become successful adults," said Treasurer Ma. "We invite all youth to attend."

Treasurer Ma's "Youth Investment Summit" will be offered over the course of four Saturdays in February – Feb. 1, 8, 15, and 22. Financial experts will instruct students, equipping them with the skills, habits, and knowledge to make healthy financial decisions throughout their lives. Students who complete all four classes will be given a certificate of completion from the Treasurer as well as potentially being eligible for other learning opportunities at the State Treasurer's Office.

"The path to economic prosperity begins with knowledge," said Jovan Agee, deputy treasurer for housing and economic development.

The State Treasurer's Office will be co-facilitating this event with other financial experts.

The introductory investment training course will be held for two hours, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., at Showers of Blessings Church's multipurpose center, located at 7100 Bowling Drive, Sacramento, CA 95823.

Please RSVP to attend at (916) 653-2995.

Fiona Ma is California's 34th State Treasurer. She was elected on November 6, 2018 with more votes (7,825,587) than any other candidate for treasurer in the state's history. She is the first woman of color and the first woman Certified Public Accountant (CPA) elected to the position. The State Treasurer's Office was created in the California Constitution in 1849. It provides financing for schools, roads, housing, recycling and waste management, hospitals, public facilities, and other crucial infrastructure projects that better the lives of residents. California is the world's fifth-largest economy and Treasurer Ma is the state's primary banker. Her office processes more than \$2 trillion in payments within a typical year. She provides transparency and oversight for the government's investment portfolio and accounts, as well as for the state's surplus funds. Treasurer Ma oversees an investment portfolio of more than \$86 billion, approximately \$25 billion of which are local government funds. She serves as agent for sale for all State bonds, and is trustee on over \$94 billion of outstanding debt.

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