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State Treasurer Fiona Ma Joins Assemblymember Laura Friedman, Actors, Writers at Town Hall to Discuss Impacts of WGA and SAG-AFTRA Strikes

SACRAMENTO – How did tens of thousands of actors and writers find themselves on the picket line and out of work? What's at stake for them and the state's economy? The time for this discussion is now.

State Treasurer Fiona Ma and Assemblymember Laura Freidman (D-Burbank) co-host an informational Town Hall to discuss the WGA and SAG AFTRA strikes, the changing nature of the film industry, and what it means for writers and actors. Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva (D-Fullerton) and entertainment industry workers will also participate.

Please join us for this important discussion.

Date: Thursday, July 27, 2023

Time: 5 p.m.

Where: Virtual meeting. Zoom link provided upon R.S.V.P.

Use the following link to register for our Zoom meeting: https://caasm.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_G_CghR_tRn-cNziaD2TrTA

Livestream available on Facebook <u>@Assemblymember Laura Friedman</u> and at <u>assembly.ca.gov/Friedman</u>.

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Fiona Ma is California's 34th State Treasurer. She was first elected on November 6, 2018, with more votes (7,825,587) than any other candidate for treasurer in the state's history and reelected on November 8, 2022. 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. Presently, her office processes more than \$3 trillion in banking transactions. 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 that currently averages over \$200 billion—a significant portion of which is beneficially owned by more than 2,200 local governments in California. She serves as agent of sale for all State bonds and is trustee of billions of dollars of state indebtedness.

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