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**ANNOUNCEMENT****J. Antonio Barbosa Announces His Retirement; New Executive Secretary Appointed**

J. Antonio Barbosa, Executive Secretary for the Agricultural Labor Relations Board (Board/ALRB) since 1992, has announced his retirement effective October 31, 2017. He will be taking well-deserved leave until then. The Board thanks him for his service at the ALRB which started in 1980 as a staff attorney in the El Centro Regional Office, his unwavering commitment to the Agricultural Labor Relations Act, and his steadfast belief in responding to our stakeholders timely and fairly.

Effective August 1, 2017, the Board has appointed Santiago Avila-Gomez as the new Executive Secretary for the Board. For over ten years, Mr. Avila-Gomez worked at the California Rural Legal Assistance ("CRLA") Foundation, a statewide non-profit legal aid organization. While at the CRLA Foundation Mr. Avila-Gomez provided free legal counseling to low-income immigrant and migrant clients on immigration law remedies including naturalization, family petitions to regularize immigration status, U-Visas; and family court petitions for custody and support and probate court petitions for guardianship incident to filings for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status. From 2005 to 2006, he worked as a Deputy Legislative Counsel at the State of California Office of the Legislative Counsel. Mr. Avila-Gomez received his B.A. from San Jose State University in 1998 and his J.D. from the University of California, Davis School of Law (King Hall) in 2002.

We welcome Santiago to his new duties as Executive Secretary. He can be reached at Santiago.Avila-Gomez@alrb.ca.gov and (916) 653-3741, Ext. 314.