



JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE
DAVID A. ALVAREZ, CHAIR

June 19, 2023

Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, 9th Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Joint Legislative Audit Committee has been tasked with nominating three qualified candidates to be the first High-Speed Rail Authority Inspector General. In accordance with Section 187020 (a) (2) of the Public Utilities Code, you as Governor are responsible for appointing one of the three to this important position.

Below please find the three qualified candidates that the committee has nominated after conducting a nationwide search and after much vetting and consideration:

- Ben Belnap, Deputy State Auditor, California State Auditor's Office;
- Courtney Ruby, City Auditor, City of Oakland; and
- Eduardo Luna, Former City Auditor, Cities of Beverly Hills and San Diego.

The High-Speed Rail Authority Inspector General position requires objectivity, creativity, sound judgment, integrity and trust. The audit committee found that all three candidates possess these characteristics. Moreover, they exhibited a true passion and commitment to accountability and transparency.

Should you have any questions pertaining to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Alvarez".

Honorable David Alvarez, Chair
Assemblymember, 80th District