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Former CalTax President Richard Simpson Dies at Age 84



Richard Simpson, who served as the top staff executive of the California Taxpayers Association from 1983 to 1989, died August 21 at his home in Roseville, California. He was 84.

“Dick Simpson fought hard for what he believed in, and taxpayers appreciated his many years of research and leadership on their behalf,” CalTax President Teresa Casazza said.

Mr. Simpson started with CalTax in 1967, and was serving as vice president when President Kirk West was appointed to a cabinet position by Governor George Deukmejian. Mr. Simpson was promoted to the position, and stayed until his retirement in 1989.

His time with CalTax was interrupted only by a three-year stint, from 1973 to 1975, with the County Supervisors Association of California. Prior to joining CalTax, he was an administrator for Yuba and El Dorado counties, and a staff member in the administrations of Los Angeles and Kern counties.

Upon Mr. Simpson’s retirement, Governor Deukmejian said: “CalTax has been an effective advocate for the kind of common-sense fiscal policies our administration has been pursuing since day one. That’s a tribute to the members of this organization and its leadership. Helping to provide that strong, steady leadership for much of the past 20 years has been a man of great integrity – Dick Simpson.”

Warren Fix, chairman of the CalTax Board of Directors when Mr. Simpson retired, praised the outgoing leader for setting “a personal example of integrity, high standards and dedication” that were “central to the reputation CalTax enjoys.”