

## **First 5 California Personnel Report**

At each quarterly Commission meeting, First 5 California (F5CA) staff will be providing a personnel report that includes new hires, promotions, resignations/retirements, personnel requests, and advertised positions.

### **New Hires**

- Jalal Haddad, Health Program Specialist II (HPS II), Training and Continuous Quality Improvement Office. Jalal will manage and guide the health and family support-related responsibilities prioritized in the Strategic Plan. Jalal comes from the Department of Health Care Services, where he worked as an HPS II in Home and Community-Based programs, as well as California's Children's Services programs as a subject matter expert.
- Susan Essman, Associate Governmental Program Analyst (AGPA) Retired Annuitant (RA), Fiscal Services Office (FSO). Susan will assist with invoice processing and preparing office and program budgets. She was a Staff Services Manager II in the Budget Administration Unit for the California Department of Education and worked there for over 17 years.
- Max Vargas, Deputy Director, External and Governmental Affairs Office. Max will oversee the legislative, policy, public relations, and communications staff. He was previously the

senior policy advisor for the former Stockton Mayor and has worked for both the Senate and the Assembly.

## **Promotions**

- Jamiann Collins-Lopez, Information Officer II, Communications, External and Governmental Affairs (EGA) Office. Jamiann has worked for F5CA for over 13 years, managing the Talk. Read. Sing.® campaign, and other public education and outreach efforts. She will serve as F5CA's Communications Advisor.

## **Retirements**

- Laurie DiBartolo, Staff Services Manager I (SSM I), FSO. Laurie retired at the end of December 2020. She worked for F5CA for over 15 years and for the state for nearly 29 years.

## **Personnel Requests in Progress**

- F5CA staff are:
  - Screening applications for the FSO SSM I (Laurie's replacement.) F5CA's goal is to schedule interviews by early February.
  - Interviewing for the Contracts and Procurement Office's AGPA RA. F5CA's goal is to fill the position by the end of January.
  - Reviewing applications and looking to schedule interviews in early February for the Chief Deputy Director.