



County of San Bernardino



**Ensen Mason CPA, CFA • Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector**

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## **ATC Mason Celebrates Ten-Year Anniversary of Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector’s Office and One-Year Anniversary as Elected ATC**

**San Bernardino, CA** — Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector (ATC) Ensen Mason today presided over the Ten-Year Anniversary Celebration of the creation of his office following consolidation of the Auditor-Controller and Treasurer-Tax Collector departments into one unified department. ATC Mason is the Department’s 53<sup>rd</sup> representative since its inception in 1853, and was sworn into office one year ago following a vigorous campaign to promote transparency in ATC operations and transform the way the Department communicates with the public. Both creation of ATC and Mr. Mason’s election are reasons for celebration for the taxpayers of San Bernardino County.

In January 2010, the Board of Supervisors consolidated ATC in a bold move to save money and improve services during a severe recession. As a result, ATC has produced overhead savings of \$11,873,877 during budget years 2009-10 through 2019-20, and a net 19 positions were eliminated in the budget through efficiencies and economies of scale.

“It has been my honor to lead this great Department for the past year and to appreciate the accomplishments of ATC over the last decade,” stated Mason. “I’ve come to realize what a great group of employees we have here, and they are the reason for our success.”

The festivities took place today at 2:00 p.m. at the ATC office located at 268 West Hospitality Lane in San Bernardino. Board of Supervisors Chairman Curt Hagman was the Master of Ceremonies for the event, and special guest Mark Hall-Patton, Museum Administrator for the Clark County Museum and Authenticator for the History Channel’s “Pawn Stars”, provided colorful commentary for the large crowd of over 200 guests and employees.

Other notables attending the celebration were:

- Board Vice Chair Josie Gonzales
- Supervisor Janice Rutherford
- Supervisor Gonzales’ Chief of Staff, Dan Flores
- Supervisor Rutherford’s Chief of Staff, Phil Paule
- Supervisor Hagman’s Chief of Staff, Katherine Kolcheva
- Retired former County Auditor/Controller, Errol Mackzum

“Looking forward, there are challenges to face and plenty of opportunity to continue to excel,” continued Mason. “I have complete confidence that we are ready to meet whatever comes our way!”

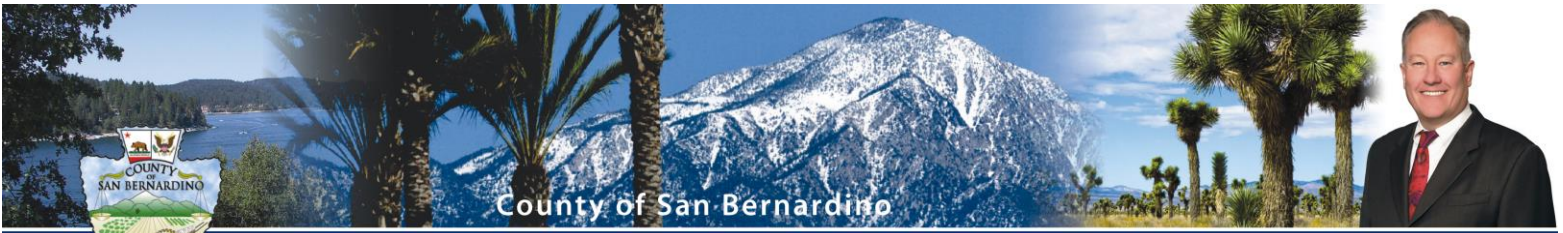
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ATC employs 336 professionals in nine major divisions and is the financial foundation of San Bernardino County government. The County investment pool managed by ATC has grown to almost eight billion dollars. Mr. Mason also serves on the San Bernardino County Employees’ Retirement Association Board of Retirement, which is responsible for the management of over ten billion dollars in employee pension funds.

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