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Ms. Desai was appointed by Governor Newsom to serve as the Deputy Director for the International Affairs and Trade team and is responsible for implementing the state's international trade, export promotion, foreign investment attraction, and subnational engagement efforts. She formerly served as the California Trade and Investment Representative for Europe, Middle East, and India at GO-Biz. Ms. Desai brings more than 15 years of experience from the public and private sectors. Most recently, she evaluated international affairs and trade for the U.S. Congress as a Senior Project Manager and Policy Advisor for International Affairs and Trade at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). While at the GAO, Emily led project teams reporting to Congress on issues related to national security, internet freedom, and anti-money laundering. Ms. Desai was appointed by Secretary Raimondo to serve on the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Investment Advisory Council. She graduated summa cum laude and with honors from the University of Arizona and has a Master's in Public Policy from U.C. Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy.



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Tyson Eckerle serves as Senior Advisor for Clean Infrastructure and Mobility in the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz). In this role, he collaborates with multiple stakeholders to streamline California's efforts to accelerate our transition to a clean energy ecosystem, building on his experience as the GO-Biz's first Deputy Director of Zero Emission Vehicle Market Development. Tyson holds a B.A. in Biology from the University of California, Davis and a Master of Environmental Science and Management (MESM) from the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management at the University of California, Santa Barbara.



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Henan Li serves as the Asia Trade and Investment Representative for the International Affairs and Trade team at the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz). In that capacity, she is responsible for managing the state's export promotion initiatives to the Asia Pacific Rim region and foreign investment attraction efforts from the same region, as well as the broader international affairs strategy with Asian countries and regions. She brings more than 14 years of experience in international business development, trade promotion initiatives, and project management in the public and private sectors.



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Maria Onorato leads the state's foreign investment attraction portfolio, including marketing opportunities in the state to global companies and supporting California communities to attract more foreign investment. Previously, Maria worked at a knowledge broker for institutional investors in San Francisco. Maria's focus throughout her career has been on how international engagement can spur economic development. She has a BA in International Relations from UC Davis and an MA in International Trade & Economic Diplomacy from Middlebury Institute.



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Mariana previously worked as an International Business Development Specialist at the Sacramento Minority Business Development Agency Export Center, helping minority business enterprises expand into foreign markets. Before joining the Center, Mariana completed an internship with the U.S. Commercial Service (USCS) in Mexico City, where she helped American companies increase exports to Mexico. Before interning abroad, Mariana gained her international experience with the USCS in Sacramento, where she worked to help small- and medium-sized businesses. She graduated from California State University, Sacramento with a focus on international business and marketing. As International Trade Program Specialist, Mariana primarily works on the STEP program and supporting GO-Biz's efforts to serve small business exporters.



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Claire is a recent graduate of the School of International Relations at the University of St. Andrews who initially joined GO-Biz in November 2021 as an Executive Fellow. During her fellowship placement she completed a wide variety of projects in support of the team's export promotion and investment attraction efforts. Prior to becoming an Executive Fellow she worked as a research assistant on an academic book project and a legislative intern in the California State Assembly. As International Investment and Research Analyst, Claire supports the team in attracting international businesses to California, analyzing trends in foreign trade and investment data, and managing interagency coordination.