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TO: Heads of State Agencies and Human Resources Directors

SUBJECT: Procedures for Filling Positions Under Rule 22.2

This general circular serves as a reminder to Appointing Authorities and Human Resources Directors of <u>Civil Service Rule 22.2</u>. According to provisions of this rule, an appointing authority shall obtain the Director's approval before making a permanent appointment to any job at or above MS-520, AS-620, SS-419, PS-115, WS-218, or TS-315 between the date of any election for a statewide elected office **(October 24, 2015)** through Inauguration Day **(January 11, 2016)**.

The only methods by which vacancies in these jobs may be filled without prior approval of the Director are by Classified WAE Appointment, Job Appointment, and Detail-to-Special Duty.

Unless the Director grants permission, vacancies covered under this rule cannot be filled on a permanent basis through a probationary or permanent appointment into a regular, ongoing position. This also applies to promotions and transfers into an agency while on permanent status.

The process will be handled as follows:

- Vacancies affected by this rule shall not be announced without obtaining prior approval of the Director by means of a letter which includes justification explaining why the vacancy needs to be filled.
- Agencies are to send letters requesting approval to fill to the Staffing Division.

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- Agencies will be notified via email of the Director's decision.
- Verification of approval must be attached to the exam plan in LA Careers for audit purposes.

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Haase (<u>Joan.Haase@la.gov</u>) at (225) 219-9390, or fax (225) 219-1041.

Sincerely,

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