

State of California



SECRETARY OF STATE

THE GREAT SEAL OF THE GREAT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

The Great Seal of the State of California was adopted at the Constitutional Convention of 1849. Thirty-one stars are displayed, representing the number of states there would be with California's anticipated admission. Beneath them appears the state motto, Eureka! The peaks of the Sierra Nevada rise above the busy shipping commerce on the Sacramento River. A miner laboring with pick, rocker and pan represents the discovery of gold and the mining industry. Agricultural wealth is seen in a sheaf of wheat and clusters of grapes. Keeping watch over this tableau is the armored figure of Minerva, the Roman goddess of wisdom. Like the political birth of California, she was born full-grown from the head of Jupiter, father of the gods and guardian of law and order. At her feet is a grizzly bear, independent and formidable, symbolizing California's wildlife and wilderness. The Secretary of State is the keeper of the Great Seal. By token of the Great Seal, Secretary of State Debra Bowen takes great pleasure in commending

Lou Gordon

as you are honored by the Senior Ex-Offender Program (SEOP) with a Change Agent Award at the 6th Annual "In the Trenches Awards Ceremony". This seal is given in acknowledgement of the accomplishments that you have made during your elevation in mind and spirit, as well as your strong will to give back to humanity.



Submitted this 12th day of July, 2008

Debra Bowen

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