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The Daily Caller's attack on Marty Morgenstern is baseless

SACRAMENTO – The Daily Caller's attack on Marty Morgenstern, the secretary of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (LWDA), is based on falsehoods.

First, all of California's state employment and unemployment data are reported by the Employment Development Department (EDD), not the LWDA. Second, the EDD has reported all of its data on time. Reports by legitimate news organizations have already debunked internet reports by conspiracy theorists.

Contrary to what The Daily Caller claims, the DOL did not say that California "under-reported jobless data." In fact, as the Los Angeles Times noted yesterday, the "Labor Department said that the big moves in the numbers were not because of any state."

EDD and DOL both pointed out that the unemployment-claims numbers are prone to volatility at the beginning of a new quarter. The new quarter began October 7th in California and many other states and thus this is consistent with typical quarterly patterns.

There's no doubt that California's job-related numbers often have a notable effect on the national numbers. The Golden State is, after all, the only jurisdiction in the top 10 largest economies in the world that is not a country, and it has been a leading driver of national job growth in 2011 and 2012.

For example, Steve Levy, who directs the Center for Continuing Study of the California Economy, has noted that California had "two blockbuster months" in May and June. "The state added 38,300 jobs in June and 45,900 jobs in May," he said, "for a two-month total of 84,200 jobs or an astounding 50 percent of the national job increase in these two months."

Lastly, Secretary Morgenthern is a U.S. Army veteran with a long record of public service. These smears spread by conspiracy theorists are false, ridiculous, offensive and unwarranted.