

NUVEEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND
Form N-Q
July 29, 2005

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549**

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-09161

Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Jessica R. Droeger Vice President and Secretary

333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 312-917-7700

Date of fiscal year end: 08/31

Date of reporting period: 05/31/05

Form N-Q is to be used by management investment companies, other than small business investment companies registered on Form N-5 (§§ 239.24 and 274.5 of this chapter), to file reports with the Commission, not later than 60 days after the close of the first and third fiscal quarters, pursuant to rule 30b1-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30b1-5). The Commission may use the information provided on Form N-Q in its regulatory, disclosure review, inspection, and policymaking roles.

A registrant is required to disclose the information specified by Form N-Q, and the Commission will make this information public. A registrant is not required to respond to the collection of information contained in Form N-Q unless the Form displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. Please direct comments concerning the accuracy of the information collection burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing the burden to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609. The OMB has reviewed this collection of information under the clearance requirements of 44 U.S.C. § 3507.

Item 1. Schedule of Investments

Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)

Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (NAC)

May 31, 2005

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| Principal Amount (000) | Description(1) | Opti Pro |
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| Consumer Staples - 5.6% (3.8% of Total Investments) | | |
| \$ 5,000 | California Statewide Community Development Authority, Certificates of Participation, Pride Industries and Pride One Inc., Series 1999, 7.250%, 11/01/29 | 11/09 |
| 5,200 | Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2003A-1, 6.250%, 6/01/33 | 6/13 |
| | Northern California Tobacco Securitization Authority, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2001A: | |
| 2,500 | 5.250%, 6/01/31 | 6/11 |
| 4,500 | 5.375%, 6/01/41 | 6/11 |
| 3,135 | Southern California Tobacco Securitization Authority, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Senior Series 2001A, 5.250%, 6/01/27 | 6/12 |
| Education and Civic Organizations - 10.3% (7.1% of Total Investments) | | |
| 615 | California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Notre Dame de Namur University, Series 2003, 6.500%, 10/01/23 | 10/13 |
| 3,000 | Long Beach Bond Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Long Beach Aquarium of the South Pacific, Series 2001, 5.500%, 11/01/17 - AMBAC Insured | 11/11 |
| 700 | University of California, Certificates of Participation, San Diego and Sacramento Campus Projects, Series 2002A, 5.250%, 1/01/22 | 1/10 |
| 6,000 | University of California, Revenue Bonds, Multiple Purpose Projects, Series 2000K, 5.000%, 9/01/12 | 9/08 |
| | University of California, Revenue Bonds, Multi-Purpose Projects, Series 2002O: | |
| 10,770 | 5.000%, 9/01/20 - FGIC Insured | 9/10 |
| 11,305 | 5.000%, 9/01/21 - FGIC Insured | 9/10 |
| 3,500 | University of California, Revenue Bonds, Multi-Purpose Projects, Series 2003A, 5.125%, 5/15/17 - AMBAC Insured | 5/13 |
| Healthcare - 11.6% (8.0% of Total Investments) | | |
| 15,000 | California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Series 1999A, 6.125%, 12/01/30 | 12/09 |
| 2,160 | California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Health Facility Revenue Bonds, Adventist Health System/West, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 3/01/15 | 3/13 |
| 530 | California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Daughters of Charity Health System, Series 2005A, 5.250%, 7/01/24 | 7/15 |
| 8,000 | Central California Joint Powers Health Finance Authority, Certificates of Participation, Community Hospitals of Central California Obligated Group, Series 2000, 6.000%, 2/01/30 | 2/10 |
| 10,500 | Duarte, California, Certificates of Participation, City of Hope National Medical Center, Series 1999A, 5.250%, 4/01/31 | 4/09 |
| 2,155 | Upland, California, Certificates of Participation, San Antonio Community Hospital, Series 1993, 5.250%, 1/01/08 | 7/05 |
| 2,500 | Whittier, California, Health Facility Revenue Bonds, Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, Series | 6/12 |

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2002, 5.600%, 6/01/22

Housing/Multifamily - 7.1% (4.9% of Total Investments)

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| 7,250 | California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Irvine Apartment Communities Development, Series 1998A, 4.900%, 5/15/25 (Mandatory put 5/15/08) | 7/08 |
| 5,235 | California Statewide Community Development Authority, GNMA Collateralized Housing Revenue Refunding Bonds, Crowne Pointe Project, Series 2002F, 6.750%, 8/20/37 | 8/12 |
| 5,000 | Contra Costa County, California, Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Delta View Apartments Project, Series 1999C, 6.750%, 12/01/30 (Alternative Minimum Tax) | 6/09 |
| 7,500 | San Bernardino County Housing Authority, California, Multifamily Housing Revenue Refunding Bonds, Equity Residential Properties/Redlands Lawn and Tennis Apartments, Series 1999A, 5.200%, 6/15/29 (Mandatory put 6/15/09) | No |

Long-Term Care - 2.4% (1.7% of Total Investments)

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| 8,500 | Riverside County Public Financing Authority, California, Certificates of Participation, Air Force Village West, Series 1999, 5.800%, 5/15/29 | 5/09 |
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Tax Obligation/General - 23.3% (16.0% of Total Investments)

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| California, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2002: | | |
| 8,000 | 5.000%, 2/01/12 | No |
| 4,435 | 6.000%, 4/01/16 - AMBAC Insured | No |
| California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003: | | |
| 2,000 | 5.250%, 11/01/19 - RAAI Insured | 11/13 |
| 5,200 | 5.250%, 2/01/20 | 8/13 |
| California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004: | | |
| 5,000 | 5.125%, 4/01/23 | 4/14 |
| 4,150 | 5.125%, 4/01/25 | 4/14 |
| 2,335 | Los Angeles Community College District, Los Angeles County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 6/01/26 - FSA Insured | 8/15 |
| 18,500 | Los Angeles Unified School District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 1999C, 5.250%, 7/01/24 - MBIA Insured | 7/09 |
| 10,845 | Los Angeles Unified School District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002E, 5.000%, 7/01/19 - MBIA Insured | 7/12 |
| 3,335 | Moreno Valley Unified School District, Riverside County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004A, 5.250%, 8/01/21 - FSA Insured | 8/14 |
| 1,750 | Oakland Unified School District, Alameda County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2001, 5.125%, 8/01/21 - FSA Insured | 8/08 |
| 5,000 | San Diego Unified School District, San Diego County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003E, 5.250%, 7/01/20 - FSA Insured | 7/13 |
| San Jose-Evergreen Community College District, Santa Clara County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005A: | | |
| 600 | 5.000%, 9/01/25 - MBIA Insured | 9/15 |
| 880 | 5.000%, 9/01/27 - MBIA Insured | 9/15 |
| 2,560 | Southwestern Community College District, San Diego County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004, 5.000%, 8/01/23 - FGIC Insured | 8/14 |

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| 1,300 | Ventura County Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 8/01/15 - MBIA Insured | 8/12 |
| 3,605 | West Contra Costa Unified School District, Contra Costa County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003B, 5.000%, 8/01/21 - FSA Insured | 8/11 |

Tax Obligation/Limited - 37.9% (26.1% of Total Investments)

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| | Beaumont Financing Authority, California, Local Agency Revenue Bonds, Series 2004D: | |
| 1,000 | 5.500%, 9/01/24 | 9/14 |
| 615 | 5.800%, 9/01/35 | 9/14 |
| | Brentwood Infrastructure Financing Authority, Contra Costa County, California, Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2001: | |
| 1,110 | 5.375%, 11/01/18 - FSA Insured | 11/11 |
| 1,165 | 5.375%, 11/01/19 - FSA Insured | 11/11 |
| 1,990 | Brentwood Infrastructure Financing Authority, California, Infrastructure Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.125%, 9/02/24 - FSA Insured | 9/12 |
| 7,400 | California, Economic Recovery Revenue Bonds, Series 2004A, 5.000%, 7/01/15 | 7/14 |
| 2,000 | Capistrano Unified School District, Orange County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 90-2 - Talega, Series 2003, 6.000%, 9/01/33 | 9/13 |
| 3,490 | Fontana, California, Senior Special Tax Refunding Bonds, Heritage Village Community Facilities District 2, Series 1998A, 5.250%, 9/01/17 - MBIA Insured | 9/08 |
| 1,125 | Fontana, California, Special Tax Bonds, Sierra Community Facilities District 22, Series 2004, 6.000%, 9/01/34 | 9/14 |
| 3,980 | Garden Grove, California, Certificates of Participation, Financing Project, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 3/01/22 - AMBAC Insured | 3/12 |
| 540 | Hesperia Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 9/01/20 (WI, settling 6/07/05) - XLCA Insured | 9/15 |
| 4,500 | Inglewood Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 1998A, 5.250%, 5/01/23 - AMBAC Insured | No |
| 2,000 | Lee Lake Water District, Riverside County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 1 of Sycamore Creek, Series 2003, 6.500%, 9/01/24 | 9/13 |
| 2,200 | Lincoln, California, Special Tax Bonds, Lincoln Crossing Community Facilities District 03-1, Series 2003A, 6.500%, 9/01/25 | 9/13 |
| 1,500 | Lincoln, California, Special Tax Bonds, Lincoln Crossing Community Facilities District 03-1, Series 2004, 6.000%, 9/01/34 | 9/13 |
| 5,000 | Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, California, Proposition C Second Senior Lien Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1998A, 5.000%, 7/01/23 - AMBAC Insured | 7/08 |
| 3,555 | Los Angeles County Public Works Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Regional Park and Open Space District, Series 1997A, 5.000%, 10/01/16 | 10/07 |
| 1,530 | Moreno Valley Unified School District, Riverside County, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2005, 5.000%, 3/01/24 - FSA Insured | 3/14 |
| 9,200 | Norco Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Project Area 1, Series 2001, 5.000%, 3/01/19 - MBIA Insured | 3/11 |
| 5,545 | Oakland Joint Power Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Oakland Convention Centers, Series 2001, 5.500%, 10/01/14 - AMBAC Insured | No |
| 3,290 | Oakland Redevelopment Agency, California, Subordinate Lien Tax Allocation Bonds, Central District Redevelopment Project, Series 2003, 5.500%, 9/01/16 - FGIC Insured | 3/13 |
| 4,000 | Orange County Local Transportation Authority, California, Limited Sales Tax Revenue Refunding | No |

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| | Bonds, Measure M, Series 1997A, 5.700%, 2/15/08 - AMBAC Insured | |
| 5,600 | Palm Springs Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Convention Center Project, Series 2001A, 5.000%, 11/01/22 - MBIA Insured | 11/11 |
| 1,000 | Palmdale Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Redevelopment Project Areas, Series 2004, 5.000%, 12/01/24 - AMBAC Insured | 12/14 |
| 8,100 | Poway Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Paguay Redevelopment Project, Series 2000, 5.750%, 6/15/33 - MBIA Insured | 12/10 |
| 1,055 | Poway Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Paguay Redevelopment Project, Series 2001, 5.375%, 12/15/16 - AMBAC Insured | 12/11 |
| 1,860 | Riverside Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Merged Project Areas, Series 2003, 5.250%, 8/01/22 - MBIA Insured | 8/13 |
| 5,795 | Riverside County Public Financing Authority, California, Junior Lien Reassessment Revenue Bonds, Rancho Villages Project, Series 1999B, 6.000%, 9/02/07 | No |
| 1,725 | Rohnert Park Finance Authority, California, Senior Lien Revenue Bonds, Rancho Feliz Mobile Home Park, Series 2003A, 5.750%, 9/15/38 | 9/13 |
| 1,120 | Rohnert Park Finance Authority, California, Subordinate Lien Revenue Bonds, Rancho Feliz Mobile Home Park, Series 2003B, 6.625%, 9/15/38 | 9/13 |
| 2,500 | Sacramento City Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1993A, 5.400%, 11/01/20 - AMBAC Insured | No |
| 1,150 | Sacramento, California, Special Tax Bonds, North Natomas Community Facilities District 4, Series 2003C, 6.000%, 9/01/33 | 9/14 |
| 24,060 | San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 1998, 5.250%, 8/01/29 | 8/08 |
| 2,695 | San Jose Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Civic Center Project, Series 2002B, 5.250%, 6/01/19 - AMBAC Insured | 6/12 |
| 1,595 | San Marcos Public Facilities Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 99-1, Series 2003B, 6.000%, 9/01/24 | 9/09 |
| 2,810 | West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 01-1, Series 2003B, 7.000%, 9/01/38 | 9/13 |
| 1,350 | West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 2001-1, Series 2004A, 6.125%, 9/01/39 | 9/13 |
| 2,000 | West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 01-1, Series 2004B, 6.000%, 9/01/39 | 9/13 |

Transportation - 19.6% (13.5% of Total Investments)

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| 8,150 | Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1999, 5.750%, 1/15/40 | 1/10 |
| 8,515 | Los Angeles Harbors Department, California, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001B, 5.500%, 8/01/18 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - AMBAC Insured | 8/11 |
| 23,000 | Port of Oakland, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2000K, 5.750%, 11/01/29 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - FGIC Insured | 5/10 |
| 5,000 | San Francisco Airports Commission, California, Revenue Bonds, San Francisco International Airport, Second Series Issue 13B, 5.625%, 5/01/21 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - MBIA Insured | 5/06 |
| 23,275 | San Francisco Airports Commission, California, Revenue Bonds, San Francisco International Airport, Second Series 2000, Issue 24A, 5.750%, 5/01/30 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - FSA Insured | 5/10 |

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U.S. Guaranteed * - 9.1% (6.2% of Total Investments)**

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| 8,400 | California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 1998B, 5.250%, 10/01/14 (Optional put 10/01/08) | 10/08 |
| 4,245 | Los Angeles County Public Works Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Regional Park and Open Space District, Series 1997A, 5.000%, 10/01/16 (Pre-refunded to 10/01/07) | 10/07 |
| | Orange County Water District, California, Revenue Certificates of Participation, Series 1999A: | |
| 5,840 | 5.375%, 8/15/29 | 8/09 |
| 8,160 | 5.375%, 8/15/29 (Pre-refunded to 8/15/09) | 8/09 |
| 4,000 | Puerto Rico, General Obligation and Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2000, 5.750%, 7/01/16 (Pre-refunded to 7/01/10) - MBIA Insured | 7/10 |

Utilities - 11.4% (7.8% of Total Investments)

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| | California Department of Water Resources, Power Supply Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A: | |
| 2,500 | 5.375%, 5/01/17 - XLCA Insured | 5/12 |
| 9,750 | 5.125%, 5/01/18 | 5/12 |
| 3,630 | Imperial Irrigation District, California, Certificates of Participation, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2003, 5.250%, 11/01/23 - FSA Insured | 11/13 |
| 7,000 | Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Power System Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A-1, 5.250%, 7/01/21 - FSA Insured | 7/11 |
| 8,370 | Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Power System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001A-2, 5.375%, 7/01/19 - MBIA Insured | 7/11 |
| 1,200 | Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Power System Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A-2, 5.000%, 7/01/21 - MBIA Insured | 7/13 |
| 7,000 | Merced Irrigation District, California, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Electric System Project, Series 2001, 6.750%, 9/01/31 | 9/05 |

Water and Sewer - 7.1% (4.9% of Total Investments)

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| 11,000 | California Department of Water Resources, Water System Revenue Bonds, Central Valley Project, Series 2001W, 5.250%, 12/01/22 - FSA Insured | 12/11 |
| 8,250 | Pico Rivera Water Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 6.250%, 12/01/32 | 12/11 |
| 5,115 | San Francisco City and County Public Utilities Commission, California, Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 11/01/18 - MBIA Insured | 11/12 |

\$ 503,600 Total Long-Term Investments (cost \$505,240,344) - 145.4%

Other Assets Less Liabilities - 1.6%

Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value - (47.0)%

Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares - 100%

- (1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets applicable to Common shares unless otherwise noted.
- * Optional Call Provisions: Dates (month and year) and prices of the earliest optional call or redemption. There may be other call provisions at varying prices at later dates.
 - ** Ratings: Using the higher of Standard & Poor's or Moody's rating.
 - *** Securities are backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities which ensures the timely payment of principal and interest. Such securities are normally considered to be equivalent to AAA rated securities.
- N/R Investment is not rated.
- (WI) Security purchased on a when-issued basis.

Income Tax Information

The following information is presented on an income tax basis. Differences between amounts for financial statement and federal income tax purposes are primarily due to timing differences in recognizing income on taxable market discount securities and timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses on investment transactions.

At May 31, 2005, the cost of investments was \$505,042,984.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at May 31, 2005, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:
Appreciation
Depreciation

Net unrealized appreciation of investments

Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

- a. The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rule 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- b. There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3. Exhibits.

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File as exhibits as part of this Form a separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)), exactly as set forth below: EX-99 CERT Attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Jessica R. Droeger--Vice President and Secretary

Date 07/29/05

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Gifford R. Zimmerman--Chief Administrative Officer (principal executive officer)

Date 07/29/05

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Stephen D. Foy--Vice President and Controller (principal financial officer)

Date 07/29/05

* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.