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Three BlackRock California Tax-Exempt Closed-End Funds Announce Final Pre-Merger Distributions

New York, January 5, 2010 – BlackRock Advisors, LLC announced today that BlackRock California Municipal Income Trust II (NYSE Amex:BCL), BlackRock California Insured Municipal Income Trust (NYSE:BCK) and BlackRock California Municipal Bond Trust (NYSE:BZA) declared final distributions in advance of their reorganizations into BlackRock California Municipal Income Trust (NYSE:BFZ).

These final distributions are comprised of the normal monthly distribution amount plus all undistributed net investment income earned through the effective date of the merger. In order to comply with distribution requirements under the tax code, the funds are required to distribute all of their net investment income prior to the consummation of the merger.

It is currently expected that the reorganizations will be concluded on or about January 29, 2010, subject to all regulatory requirements and customary closing conditions being satisfied, as previously announced on November 30, 2009. Each of these reorganizations will occur based on the relative net asset values of BCL, BCK, BZA and BFZ.

Distribution details are as follows:

| Declaration - 1/5/2010 - 1/13/2010 Payable - 1/20/2010 | Ex-Date - 1/11/2010 | Record |
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| Fund Name | Ticker | Per-Share Tax-Fee Dividend |
| BlackRock California Municipal Income Trust II | BCL | \$0.318758 |
| BlackRock California Insured Municipal Income Trust | BCK | \$0.257669 |
| BlackRock California Municipal Bond Trust | BZA | \$0.322612 |

This communication is not intended to, and shall not, constitute an offer to purchase or sell shares of any of the BlackRock funds. Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of their fund(s) carefully and consider in its entirety the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus relating to the reorganizations which contains important information regarding the investment objectives and policies, risks, charges, expenses and other

important information about BFZ as the combined fund.

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The Annual and Semi-Annual Reports and other regulatory filings of the BlackRock Closed-End Funds with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) are accessible on the SEC’s web site at www.sec.gov and on BlackRock’s web site at www.blackrock.com, and may discuss these or other factors that affect the BlackRock Closed-End Funds. The information contained on our web site is not a part of this press release.

The Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus relating to the proposed reorganization contains important information and shareholders are urged to read it. Free copies of the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus are available by calling BlackRock at (800) 882-0052 or on the SEC’s web site at www.sec.gov.

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