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**LEONARD ANNOUNCES FREE TAX SEMINAR FOR  
CHICO NONPROFIT AND EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS**

Bill Leonard, Member of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), along with Senator Sam Aanestad and Assembly Member Rick Keene, is sponsoring a free one-day tax seminar to assist nonprofit and exempt organizations in the Chico area.

Leonard encourages those involved with nonprofit and exempt organizations to attend and learn how tax laws and reporting requirements affect their operations. Topics will include property taxes, employment taxes, sales taxes, and other relevant tax laws for nonprofit organizations.

Experts from the BOE, the Employment Development Department, the Franchise Tax Board, and the Internal Revenue Service will be on hand to assist attendees.

**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2006  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.)  
**Place:** Manzanita Place  
1705 B Manzanita Avenue  
Chico, CA 95926

Those wishing to attend may register online at [www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/nonprofitsched.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/nonprofitsched.htm). For more information, please call (916) 341-7389.

Bill Leonard, of Sacramento/Ontario, was elected to his first term as Second District Member of the State Board of Equalization in 2002. Prior to his election, he served in the State Assembly (1978-1988, 1996-2002) and in the State Senate (1988-1996).

The five-member Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board collects almost \$50 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

Other Board Members include Betty T. Yee of San Francisco, Acting Member, First District; Claude Parrish of Long Beach, Third District; Chairman John Chiang of Los Angeles, Fourth District and State Controller Steve Westly.

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