

For Immediate Release
September 30, 2010**NR 111-10-G**
Contact: Anita Gore
916-327-8988

Board of Equalization Sponsors Free Seminar in San Bernardino

Free Tax Seminar for Nonprofit and Faith-Based Organizations

Board of Equalization Third District Member Michelle Steel and Acting Second District Member Barbara Alby today announced a free tax seminar for nonprofit and faith-based organizations on October 6, 2010 in San Bernardino. This seminar will host representatives from the Board of Equalization, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, and the Employment Development Department. Topics to be presented include important property tax exemptions, sales and use taxes for nonprofit organizations, employment taxes and the nonprofit organization, and compliance for existing exempt organizations.

Event: Free Tax Seminar for Nonprofit and Faith-Based Organizations
Date: Wednesday, October 6, 2010
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (check-in at 8:30 a.m.)
Place: City of San Bernardino Council Chambers
300 North D Street
San Bernardino, CA 92418
(Free Parking)
Register: Call 888-847-9652 or go online to: www.boe.ca.gov/cgi-bin/seminar.cgi?FLAG=122

For more information on this free tax seminar, visit: www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/nonprofitsched.htm. More information regarding other helpful in-person classes offered by BOE is available online at: www.boe.ca.gov/info/VirtualSeminars/seminars_inperson.htm. The BOE also offers easy to use, convenient, 24-hour accessible online seminars on a variety of tax and fee topics at: www.boe.ca.gov/info/VirtualSeminars/seminars_online.htm.

Barbara Alby, of Folsom, is the author of California's Megan's Law, alerting communities when sexual predators move into their neighborhood. She became Acting Board Member for the Second Equalization District in March, 2010. Prior to becoming Acting Member, she served as the Chief Deputy to Second District Board Member Bill Leonard. She also served in the State Assembly from 1993 to 1998, representing the Sacramento area.

Elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006, Michelle Steel serves as *Southern California's elected taxpayer advocate*. In December 2007, Steel discovered the Board of Equalization had delayed the return of millions of dollars in security deposits owed to California businesses. Procedures were changed due to Steel's decisive leadership. Following her investigation, the tax agency refunded tax security deposits to over 5,500 small businesses.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$48 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 serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

###