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Board of Equalization Creates New App for iPhone

New Mobile Application Makes Easy Access to Tax Information

Michelle Steel, Third District Member of the State Board of Equalization (BOE), today announced the creation of a new mobile application to enable users to access BOE tax information from the iPhone.

The free BOE App for iPhone is now available to download on Apple's [iTunes App Store](#).

The creation of this iPhone app furthers the BOE's commitment to provide conveniently accessible information options for tax and fee payers. Earlier this year, the BOE customized some of its current online services for mobile devices, such as smart phones. The versions can be found on the BOE Mobile Services page, www.boe.ca.gov/info/mobile_services.htm, located by clicking the cell phone icon on the BOE homepage under 'Connect with Us'.

iPhone users can now also find a BOE office or verify a permit by using the new app. When looking for a BOE office, with one click, taxpayers can find the location on a map or give the office a call, as well as get turn-by-turn directions. To verify a permit, simply type in the permit number and with a tap of a button find out if the permit is valid. The mobile apps provide a free, customized interface to BOE tax information.

The State of California website has a mobile application at www.mobile.ca.gov that also links to the BOE to find a BOE district office, validate an account number, and access the California Tax Service Center.

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.

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