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# News Release

**Michelle Steel, Member**

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## **Free Imperial County Small Business Seminar on October 26**

Michelle Steel, Third District Member of the State Board of Equalization today announced a free Imperial County Small Business Seminar on October 26, 2010. Representatives from the Board of Equalization, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, Employment Development Department, and the City of Calexico will be available to assist attendees. This free seminar is geared towards business owners, swap meet vendors, entrepreneurs considering starting a business, business owners with questions about state or federal tax laws, and individuals who want to learn about useful resources to help their business.

**Event:** Imperial County Small Business Seminar  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2010  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (check-in at 8:30 a.m.)  
**Place:** Calexico Council Chambers  
608 Heber Avenue  
Calexico, CA 92231  
(Free Parking)  
**Register:** Call 888-847-9652 or go online to: [www.boe.ca.gov/cgi-bin/seminar.cgi?FLAG=124](http://www.boe.ca.gov/cgi-bin/seminar.cgi?FLAG=124)

For more information on this seminar, visit: [www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/sbf.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/sbf.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](http://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](http://www.boe.ca.gov/info/VirtualSeminars/seminars_online.htm).

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](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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