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Jerome E. Horton Touts BOE Hiring at “Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet” Job Fair in Los Angeles

Board of Equalization Vice Chairperson Jerome E. Horton joined Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today at the “Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet” job and resource fair at the Proud Bird Restaurant in Los Angeles. The job fair brought together veterans seeking jobs, employers with job openings and resource agencies offering a wide range of employment services.

“I am pleased to join the Governor on this coming Veteran’s Day in calling to everyone’s attention that California is home to more veterans than any other state in the nation, and that helping them pursue a successful career path after service is a top priority for our state,” said Mr. Horton. He alerted all attendees to the fact that the Board of Equalization is currently hiring entry level positions, and that the state provides civil service preference to qualified veterans.

The focus of the fair is to offer recently separated veterans one-stop access to career, training and education opportunities. Today’s fair is expected to bring out approximately 100 employers, including Kaiser Permanente, the Los Angeles Police Department, Safeway, United Parcel Service, New York Life, Westin Hotel, Aflac, Securitas Security Services, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Bank of America, General Atomics Aeronautical Systems and the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) as well as schools, training programs and service organizations.

California is home to approximately 2 million veterans, the largest number in the nation. Veterans bring with them unique work skills and character traits valued by employers. Young veterans are particularly in need of assistance. The 2009 California unemployment rate for veterans 18 to 24 years old was 25.9 percent, far above the 19.8 percent rate for nonveterans in the same age range, according to data from the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Vice Chairperson Jerome E. Horton is the 4th District Member of the BOE, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the BOE Legislative Committee chairperson. Horton is the first African American to serve on the BOE since its inception in 1879, and the third African American constitutional officer in California’s history. Horton was appointed by the Governor and confirmed by both the Assembly and the Senate in 2009. Horton previously served as an Assembly member from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization 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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