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Michelle Steel Sponsors Free Orange County Tax Seminar for Nonprofit and Faith-Based Organizations

Michelle Steel, Southern California's elected taxpayer advocate, Assemblyman Jeff Miller, and County Supervisor Patricia C. Bates today announced a Board of Equalization (BOE) sponsored tax seminar for nonprofit and faith-based organizations in Orange County. Representatives from the BOE, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, Office of the Attorney General, Volunteer Center Orange County, and other local agencies will be available to assist attendees.

Event: Orange County Tax Seminar for Nonprofit and Faith-Based Organizations
Date: Friday, March 12, 2010
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (check-in at 8:30 a.m.)
Place: Saddleback Valley Community Church
Refinery Building-Auditorium
1 Saddleback Parkway
Lake Forest, CA 92630
(Free Parking)

Topics to be presented include: Sales and Use Taxes for Nonprofit Organizations, Compliance for Existing Exempt Organizations, Property Tax Exemptions, Regulation of Charities and Fundraisers, and Fundraising: More than Chasing Dollars.

To register, call 888-847-9652 or register online at: www.boe.ca.gov/cgi-bin/seminar.cgi?FLAG=109. For more information on this Orange County seminar, visit: www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/nonprofitsched.htm.

For more information regarding other helpful in-person classes offered by BOE, visit: 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.

Elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006, Michelle Steel serves as Southern California's elected taxpayer advocate. In 2008, Steel uncovered a \$42 million mistake in the agency's sales tax refund procedures. Following her investigation, the tax agency refunded tax security deposits to over 5,500 small businesses.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$53 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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