



News Release

Vice Chairperson Jerome E. Horton

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Jerome E. Horton Hosts Free Tax Preparation Events

Los Angeles– Jerome E. Horton, Vice Chairperson of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), is providing free tax preparation and efilings for the public starting Monday, March 15.

“Tax season should not be a great cause of worry as we are providing plenty of free income tax help at convenient community locations to help the people who need it most,” said Vice Chairperson Horton. “Please take advantage of this wonderful service as our volunteers are trained and eagerly awaiting to help their neighbors.”

Tax help is provided through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Volunteers participating in the VITA program have been trained by the Internal Revenue Service and the Franchise Tax Board. The participants volunteer their time and talents to provide this free service to individuals who may find it difficult to complete their own returns.

The volunteer program offers free help completing both federal and state income tax returns to the elderly, blind, disabled, and low-income taxpayers. Volunteers can assist taxpayers in claiming the federal Earned Income Tax Credit, which is a federal incentive for low-income individuals and families. Taxpayers earning less than \$43,279 can qualify for a “refundable” credit that can total up to \$5,657. “Refundable” means that you do not have to have a tax liability to get a refund check from the government.

The volunteer sites offer free efile. Efilings has many advantages such as getting your state refund back in 7 to 10 days. The volunteer sites provide help in English, Chinese, and Spanish.

To make an appointment, contact the site nearest you. The sites are located at:

BOE Office	Address	Dates	Time	Telephone #
West Covina District Office	1521 West Cameron Ave., Suite 300 West Covina CA 91790	Mondays: March 15, 22, 29 & April 5	9 am to 4 pm (closed from noon to 1 pm)	626-480-7200
Culver City District Office	5901 Green Valley Circle, Suite 200 Culver City, CA 90230	Tuesdays: March 16, 23, 30, & April 6	9 am to 4 pm (closed from noon to 1 pm)	310-342-1000
Norwalk District Office	12440 E. Imperial Hwy, Suite 200 Norwalk CA 90650	Wednesdays: March 17, March 24, & April 7	9 am to 4 pm (closed from noon to 1 pm)	562-466-1694
Van Nuys District Office	15350 Sherman Way, Suite 250 Van Nuys CA 91406	Fridays: March 19, April 2, & 9	9 am to 4 pm (closed from noon to 1 pm)	818-904-2300

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 chair. 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 \$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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