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Michelle Steel and Jerome E. Horton Sponsor Free Tax Seminar *Long Beach Seminar for Nonprofit and Faith-Based Organizations*

Board Member Michelle Steel and Vice Chair Jerome E. Horton of the State Board of Equalization (BOE), today announced a BOE sponsored tax seminar for nonprofit and exempt organizations in Long Beach. Representatives from the BOE, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, Employment and Development Department, Long Beach Nonprofit Partnership, and other local agencies will be available to assist attendees.

Event: Long Beach Tax Seminar for Nonprofit and Faith-Based Organizations
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2010
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (check-in at 8:30 a.m.)
Place: Long Beach City College
4901 East Carson Street, Building T
Long Beach, CA 90808
(Free Parking)

Topics to be presented include: Sales and Use Taxes for Nonprofit Organizations, Compliance for Existing Exempt Organizations, Property Tax Exemptions, New Form 990, Tips for Finding Great Board Members, and Employment Taxes and the Nonprofit Organization.

To register, call 888-847-9652 or register online at: <http://www.boe.ca.gov/cgi-bin/seminar.cgi?FLAG=110>. For more information on this Long Beach 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.

Vice Chair 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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