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Board of Equalization Creates Two New Mobile Web Applications *New Applications Enable Taxpayers to Access BOE Information On the Go*

Michelle Steel, Third District Member of the State Board of Equalization (BOE), today announced the creation of two new mobile web applications to enable users to access BOE information from the convenience of their mobile devices.

BOE has created two new web applications accessible from the BOE website at www.boe.ca.gov. These applications are tailored for mobile devices such as smart phones. By clicking on the [cell phone icon](#) () , mobile users can find the closest BOE office or verify a permit. When looking for a BOE office, with one easy click you can find the location on a map or give them a call. To verify a permit, simply type in the permit number and with a push of a button find out if the permit is valid. These web applications do not require taxpayers to download them to their phone, they simply provide a tailored interface for free access to BOE information using the device's web browser.

From a list of options on the web applications menu, you can also access the [California Tax Service Center](#), a portal that conveniently places information from all tax agencies relevant to California taxpayers in one location.

This is the first wave of applications BOE is rolling out. BOE hopes to continue to expand options for taxpayers to easily and conveniently obtain useful information from their mobile devices. There are other useful mobile applications on the [California](#) website at www.ca.gov.

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 (BOE) 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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