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# News Release

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## **Business Seminar for Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco Retailers**

*Topics Include Retail Sales, Licensing, Rules and Regulations*

Businesses looking to learn about alcohol and tobacco licenses and permits should attend a free business seminar sponsored by Third District Member of the State Board of Equalization Michelle Steel and Assemblymember Van Tran. The Orange County Chamber of Commerce, Vietnamese American Chamber of Commerce of Orange County, and the City of Westminster are co-sponsoring this seminar on July 21.

Representatives from the Board of Equalization and the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control will give presentations about retail sales of alcohol and tobacco products in California and will cover licensing procedures and the rules and regulations associated with the sales of these products. Attendees will learn how to obtain a license, which permits or licenses are needed, what the record keeping requirements are, how to avoid fines and penalties, what happens during an inspection, and retailer's rights.

**Event:** Free Business Seminar for Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco Retailers  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 21, 2010  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (check-in at 8:30 a.m.)  
**Place:** Westminster Civic Center  
8200 Westminster Blvd.  
Westminster, CA 92683  
(Free Parking)  
**Register:** Call 888-847-9652 or online at [www.boe.ca.gov/cgi-bin/seminar.cgi?FLAG=119](http://www.boe.ca.gov/cgi-bin/seminar.cgi?FLAG=119).

For more information, go online to [www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/cigtobclass.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/cigtobclass.htm). For more information regarding other helpful in-person classes offered by BOE, visit: [www.boe.ca.gov/info/VirtualSeminars/seminars\\_inperson.htm](http://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](http://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 (BOE) 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](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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