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Free Small Business Seminar and Resource Expo in Mission Viejo on October 4, 2011

Michelle Steel, Vice Chair of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), along with Assemblyman Jeff Miller, Orange County Supervisor Pat Bates, the city of Mission Viejo, and the Mission Viejo Community Foundation, will host a free small business seminar and resource expo on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center in Mission Viejo, Orange County.

What: Free Small Business Seminar and Resource Expo in Mission Viejo

Where: Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center
Sycamore Room
24932 Veterans Way
Mission Viejo, CA 92692
(Free Parking)

When: Tuesday, October 4, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
(Check-in: 8:30 a.m.)

Who: Vice Chair Michelle Steel, California State Board of Equalization
Assemblyman Jeff Miller, California State Assembly 71st District
Supervisor Pat Bates, County of Orange 5th District

Registration

Information: To register, call 888-847-9652 or register online at www.boe.ca.gov/cgi-bin/seminar.cgi?FLAG=147.

This free small business seminar and resource expo is for new and existing business owners, entrepreneurs considering starting a business, professionals currently operating a business who have questions about state or federal tax laws, and individuals who want to improve their business know-how. This free small business seminar and resource expo will provide strategies for success in today's economy. Topics include avoiding sales and use tax problems, record keeping and basic Internal Revenue Service (IRS) examination procedures, employment taxes, forms of business ownership, business marketing and loan programs and services. Representatives from the BOE, IRS, Franchise Tax Board, Employment Development Department, U.S. Small Business Administration, and the Coastline Institute for Economic Development will be present to assist attendees.

For the invitation and map, visit www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/pdf/Mission_Viejo_SBS_10-4-11_WEB.pdf.

For other in-person seminars offered by BOE, visit www.boe.ca.gov/info/VirtualSeminars/seminars_inperson.htm.

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 and re-elected in 2010, Michelle Steel serves as *Southern California's elected taxpayer advocate*. In December 2007, Steel discovered the Board of Equalization had delayed the return of millions of dollars in security deposits owed to California businesses. Procedures were changed due to Steel's decisive leadership. Following her investigation, the tax agency refunded tax security deposits to over 5,500 small businesses. To date, over \$100 million in security deposits have been returned to taxpayers.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$50 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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