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# News Release

**Chairman Jerome E. Horton**

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## **Board of Equalization Staff Donate Generously to the State Food Drive**

Jerome E. Horton, Chairman of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), today announced that the BOE raised over 81,000 pounds of food to donate to the 2010 State Employees Food Drive, by far the most donated of the 93 state agencies participating in this year's food drive. The BOE led the state agencies in donating the most food, raising nearly 19% of the total statewide donations.

"In these tough economic times, I'm proud that the BOE staff pulls together to generously donate what they can to assist those in need. Many families are struggling to make ends meet and the donations to the food drive will help people during these difficult times," said Horton.

The BOE raised 31,000 pounds of food more than the next highest agency.

Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the BOE Legislative Committee chairman. 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 previously served as an assemblymember from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization 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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