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Free Nonprofit Tax Seminar in Westminster on March 18, 2011

Michelle Steel, Vice Chair of the State Board of Equalization (BOE), along with the City of Westminster and the Westminster Chamber of Commerce, today announced that a free tax seminar for nonprofit and faith-based organizations will be held on Friday, March 18, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the City of Westminster.

What: **Westminster Tax Seminar for Nonprofit and Faith-Based Organizations**

Where: **Westminster Civic Center**
East/West Room
8200 Westminster Blvd.
Westminster, California 92683
Free Parking

When: **Friday, March 18, 2011**
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Check-in at 8:30 a.m.

Who: Michelle Steel, Vice Chair of the California State Board of Equalization, along with representatives from the City of Westminster, Westminster Chamber of Commerce, Office of the Attorney General, Franchise Tax Board, Employment Development Department, and the Internal Revenue Service.

For the invitation, map and directions, visit: www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/pdf/WestminsterNPInviteWeb.pdf

Registration is available online: www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/nonprofitsched.htm. Or, register by phone at 888-847-9652 or by email: EAD-Registrations@boe.ca.gov.

The free tax seminar for new and existing nonprofit and faith-based organizations will include presentations by experts on sales and use tax issues for nonprofits, property tax exemptions and compliance for exempt organizations, regulations for charities and fundraising events, and employment taxes for nonprofit organizations.

Editor's note: please listen to the audio public service announcements for this free nonprofit tax seminar:
15-second audio PSA: http://www.boe.ca.gov/news/Westminster_NP_15_Sec_Final.mp3
30-second audio PSA: http://www.boe.ca.gov/news/Westminster_NP_30_Sec_Final.mp3

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.

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.

For free in-person seminars, visit: www.boe.ca.gov/info/VirtualSeminars/seminars_inperson.htm.

For online seminars, visit: www.boe.ca.gov/info/VirtualSeminars/seminars_online.htm. Many of the online seminars are also available in: [Spanish \(Español\)](#), [Chinese \(中文\)](#), [Korean \(한국어\)](#), and [Vietnamese \(Tiếng Việt\)](#).

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