



State Board of Equalization

# News Release

**Vice Chair Michelle Steel**

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## **Connecting Women to Power Business Conference on March 30 in Los Angeles**

Michelle Steel, Vice Chair of the Board of Equalization and Jerome E. Horton, Chairman of the California State Board of Equalization, along with California Educational Solutions, and the National Association of Women Business Owners-Los Angeles, today announced that a free conference for business women will be held on March 30, 2011 in Los Angeles.

**Keynote Speakers:** Janice Bryant Howroyd, CEO of Act-1 Group  
Maria Marin, Motivational Speaker  
Rosario Marin, 41<sup>st</sup> U. S. Treasurer

**Event:** Connecting Women to Power Conference

**Where:** California State University, Dominguez Hills  
1000 E. Victoria Street  
Carson, California 90747  
Parking is \$4.00, cash only

**When:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011  
8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
(*check-in at 8:00 a.m.*)

**Register:** Call 888-847-9652 or register online at: [www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/wsched.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/wsched.htm).

This free business conference is geared towards business owners, business professionals, and community leaders. Representatives from nonprofit organizations and local, state, and federal agencies will be available to assist attendees. Topics include presentations and panels on contracting opportunities; accessing traditional and non-traditional capital; working with the Board of Equalization and other tax agencies; leveraging technology to enhance success; understanding state, local, and federal stimulus programs; wealth management and financial planning; expanding overseas and contracting with foreign countries; and mastering work-life balance.

*Editors: please watch the BOE sponsored 30-second Public Service Announcements regarding this event at: [www.boe.ca.gov/members/horton/youtube.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/members/horton/youtube.htm).*

For the invitation, list of sponsors and directions, visit: [www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/pdf/CW2P\\_invite.pdf](http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/pdf/CW2P_invite.pdf). Additional information regarding other helpful in-person classes offered by BOE is available online at:

[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 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](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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