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Free Small Business Seminar in Corona on June 16, 2011

Michelle Steel, Vice Chair of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), along with the City of Corona and the Greater Corona Valley Chamber of Commerce, announced today that a small business seminar will be held on Thursday, June 16, 2011 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Corona Public Library in the city of Corona in Riverside County.

What: Free Small Business Seminar in Corona

Where: Corona Public Library, Grand Room
650 S. Main Street
Corona, CA 92882
(Free parking at Belle St. parking lot)

When: Thursday, June 16, 2011
10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
(Check-in at 10:00 a.m.)

Who: Michelle Steel, Vice Chair of the California State Board of Equalization, along with the City of Corona, and the Greater Corona Valley Chamber of Commerce, as well as representatives from the BOE, Internal Revenue Service, Franchise Tax Board, Employment Development Department, U.S. Small Business Administration, and the Inland Empire Small Business Development Center will be available at the seminar to assist attendees.

Register: Online at <http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/sbf.htm> or by phone at 888-847-9652

This free business seminar will assist small business owners with strategies for success in today's economy. Topics include sales and use tax updates, navigating the IRS for small businesses, forms of business ownership, employer resources updates for 2011, SBA programs and services, and business marketing.

Editor's note: please listen to the 15-second and 30-second audio PSA audio public service announcements for this event: 15-second audio PSA http://www.boe.ca.gov/news/Corona_PSA_15Sec.mp3 and 30-second audio PSA http://www.boe.ca.gov/news/Corona_PSA_30Sec.mp3

For the invitation and map, visit http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/pdf/Corona_SBS_6-16-11_Invite_web.pdf

For all in-person seminars offered by the BOE, visit: 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.

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 \$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.

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