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George Runner Releases 2011 Stanislaus County Assessment Practices Survey Report

Senator George Runner, Second District Member of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), today released the 2011 Stanislaus County Assessment Practices Survey Report. The report focuses on the quality of the 2009-10 Stanislaus County assessment roll, which represents approximately \$36.9 billion in value.

While stating that most properties in Stanislaus County are assessed properly, and that the overall quality of the assessment roll meets state standards, the report notes seven recommendations for improvement to the Stanislaus County Assessor's programs. The Stanislaus County Assessor's response to the BOE's recommendations is included in the report. To view the 2011 Stanislaus County Assessment Practices Survey Report, visit <http://www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/pdf/50apsr0611.pdf>.

The BOE is the agency responsible for promoting statewide uniformity and consistency in property tax assessment, reviewing each county's property assessment practices and procedures once every five years and publishing an assessment practices survey report. The report provides an overview of how well the assessor's duties are performed and identifies where improvements should be made. Every assessor is required to identify and assess all properties located within the county – unless specifically exempt – and maintain a database or "roll" of the properties and their assessed values. If the assessor's roll meets state requirements, the county is allowed to recapture some administrative costs.

For more information on the BOE assessment practices survey program, visit www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/apscont.htm.

Elected in November 2010, taxpayer advocate George Runner represents the Second District of the Board of Equalization. Runner was sworn in as Second District Board Member on January 3, 2011. Prior to his election to the Board, Runner served twelve years in the State Legislature. As a thoughtful conservative, his legislative priorities included improving the economy, business growth, education excellence, and public safety for all Californians. As a member of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, Runner consistently led the fight against tax increases and supported tax relief for families and businesses.

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.

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