



State Board of Equalization

# News Release

**George Runner, Member**

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## **George Runner Announces Annual Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearings**

Providing a forum for business and property taxpayers to present ideas for improving the Board of Equalization's administration of its tax programs, annual Taxpayers' Bill of Rights hearings will be held June 21 in Culver City and September 20 at the BOE's headquarters building in Sacramento, Second District BOE Member Senator George Runner announced today.

"I strongly encourage taxpayers to come and give us their honest feedback on how we can serve them better," said Runner. "As a newly elected board member, my number one priority is to attract more job creators to our state. To accomplish this goal, we must start by making California's tax agencies more friendly to taxpayers."

Each year the elected Members of the Board of Equalization hold public hearings in Sacramento and Culver City, at which taxpayers are encouraged to share their ideas and concerns related to BOE's administration or oversight of business taxes and property tax. In addition to safeguarding the rights, privacy, and property of taxpayers, BOE Members are interested in discussing ways they can help taxpayers better understand California's tax laws.

**Event:** Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearing  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 21, 2011  
**Time:** Approximately 1:30 P.M.  
**Place:** Board of Equalization District Office  
5901 Green Valley Circle, Suite 207, Culver City

**Event:** Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearing  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 20, 2011  
**Time:** Approximately 1:30 P.M.  
**Place:** Board of Equalization Capitol Square Building  
1st Floor Board Room, Room 121  
450 N Street, Sacramento

The Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearing in Culver City and Sacramento will be webcast live at [www.boe.ca.gov](http://www.boe.ca.gov). Taxpayers or others interested in making a presentation at the Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearings are invited to contact the BOE Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office by calling 888-324-2798, or inquiring via email at [www.boe.ca.gov/info/emailtra.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/info/emailtra.htm). More information about the annual hearings is available online at [www.boe.ca.gov/meetings/heartra.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/meetings/heartra.htm).

Enacted in January 1989, the Harris-Katz California Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Law requires that the BOE ensure that the rights of California taxpayers are protected during the assessment and collection of sales and use taxes. The Taxpayers' Bill of Rights was expanded in 1993 to include special tax programs such as excise, fuel, and alcohol taxes, and the Morgan

Property Taxpayers' Bill of Rights was added in 1994. The BOE is required by law to conduct public Bill of Rights hearings annually.

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 (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).

Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office: [www.boe.ca.gov/tra/tra.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/tra/tra.htm)

Taxpayers' Rights Advocate's 2009-10 Annual Report: <http://www.boe.ca.gov/tra/tra0910.pdf>

Publication 70, *Understanding Your Rights as a California Taxpayer*: [www.boe.ca.gov/pdf/pub70.pdf](http://www.boe.ca.gov/pdf/pub70.pdf)

Taxes and Fees Administered by the Board of Equalization: <http://www.boe.ca.gov/pdf/pub41.pdf>

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