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Free Tax Seminar for Nonprofit and Faith-Based Organizations in San Diego on August 9, 2011

Michelle Steel, Vice Chair of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), and California State Controller John Chiang, announced today that they will host a free tax seminar for nonprofit and faith-based organizations on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Salvation Army Kroc Center in San Diego.

What: Free Tax Seminar for Nonprofit and Faith-Based Organizations in San Diego

Where: The Salvation Army Kroc Center
Multi-Purpose Room
6611 University Avenue
San Diego, CA 92115
(Free Parking)

When: Tuesday, August 9, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(Check-in at 8:30 a.m.)

Who: Vice Chair Michelle Steel, California State Board of Equalization
California State Controller John Chiang

Register: Online at www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/nonprofitsched.htm or by phone at 888-847-9652.

This free tax seminar is for new and existing nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, and individuals who want to learn about tax programs, receive on the spot answers to questions and learn useful information through expert-led classes. Topics include sales and use tax information for nonprofits, property tax exemptions, regulation of charities and fundraisers, compliance and federal tax issues for exempt organizations, and employment taxes for nonprofit entities.

Editor's note: please listen to the 15-second and 30-second audio PSA audio public service announcements for this event: www.boe.ca.gov/news/SanDiego_PSA_15Sec.mp3 and www.boe.ca.gov/news/SanDiego_PSA_30Sec.mp3

For the invitation and map, www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/pdf/SD_NP_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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