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Free San Diego Tax Seminar for Restaurant Owners

Restaurant owners who have questions about state and federal tax laws can learn important information at a free Restaurant Tax Seminar on March 29 at the Balboa Park Club in San Diego.

Board of Equalization Vice Chair Michelle Steel is sponsoring the seminar, which will cover a variety of topics helpful to restaurant owners, including sales and use tax, employment taxes, marketing their restaurant, forms of ownership, financing their business, and tip reporting.

Representatives from the Board of Equalization, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, Employment Development Department, U.S. Small Business Administration, and the San Diego Small Business Development Center will be available to provide assistance.

- Event:** San Diego Restaurant Tax Seminar
- Date:** Thursday, March 29, 2012
- Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (check-in at 8:30 a.m.)
- Place:** Balboa Park Club
2150 Pan American Rd W
San Diego, CA 92101
(Free Parking)
- Register:** Call 888-847-9652 or go online at: www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/restsched.htm

For more information on this seminar, visit:
http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/pdf/SD_Restaurant_Invite_web.pdf.

Additional information regarding other helpful in-person classes offered by BOE is available at: www.boe.ca.gov/info/VirtualSeminars/seminars_inperson.htm. The BOE offers easy to use, convenient, 24-hour accessible online seminars on a variety of tax and fee topics at: http://www.boe.ca.gov/info/VirtualSeminars/seminars_online.htm.

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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.

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The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$50 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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