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## **Free San Bernardino Tax Seminar for Nonprofit and Faith-Based Organizations**

**Sacramento** – Nonprofit and faith-based organizations with questions about state and federal tax laws are invited to join Board of Equalization Vice Chair Michelle Steel and Second District Board Member Senator George Runner at a free tax seminar on April 11, 2012.

Representatives from the Board of Equalization, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, Employment Development Department, State Attorney General's Office, and the High Desert Resource Network will be available at the seminar to assist attendees.

**Event:** San Bernardino Free Tax Seminar for Nonprofit and Faith-Based Organizations

**Date:** Wednesday, April 11, 2012

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (check-in at 8:30 a.m.)

**Place:** San Bernardino City Council Chambers  
300 North "D" Street  
San Bernardino, CA 92418  
(Free Parking)

**Register:** Call 888-847-9652 or go online at: [www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/nonprofitsched.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/nonprofitsched.htm)

Helpful topics being presented at the seminar include sales and use tax for nonprofit organizations, regulation of charities, property tax exemptions, employment taxes for nonprofits, compliance for exempt organizations, local resources for nonprofits, grant writing, and federal tax issues.

**Editor's note:** Listen to the 15-second and 30-second audio public service announcements (PSAs) for this event at [www.boe.ca.gov/news/SBPSA-15s.mp3](http://www.boe.ca.gov/news/SBPSA-15s.mp3) and at [www.boe.ca.gov/news/SBPSA-30s.mp3](http://www.boe.ca.gov/news/SBPSA-30s.mp3).

For more information visit: [http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/pdf/SanBern\\_NP\\_4-11-12\\_WEB.pdf](http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/pdf/SanBern_NP_4-11-12_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](http://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](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.

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 \$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](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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