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George Runner, Member

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2012 Annual Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearings Held in Culver City, Sacramento

Individuals and businesses with ideas or concerns about the administration and oversight of California's business and property taxes are invited to attend the Board of Equalization's (BOE) annual Taxpayers' Bill of Rights hearings in Culver City on April 24 and in Sacramento on June 26, Second District BOE Member Senator George Runner announced today.

"I invite taxpayers to come share their ideas and concerns," said Senator Runner. "But they should also know there's no need to wait for help. Any taxpayer who is having problems dealing with a California tax agency should feel free to contact my office today."

Taxpayers needing assistance can contact Senator Runner via his web site www.boe.ca.gov/Runner or by calling 661-723-8469 or 916-445-2181.

In addition to safeguarding the rights, privacy, and property of taxpayers, Senator Runner is interested in discussing ways to help taxpayers better understand California's tax laws.

The Taxpayers' Bill of Rights hearings will each begin at approximately 1:30 p.m. at the following two locations:

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| Tuesday April 24, 2012 | Board of Equalization District Office 5901 Green Valley Circle, Suite 207 Culver City, CA 90230 |
| Tuesday June 26, 2011 | Board of Equalization Headquarters Building 1st Floor Board Room, Room 121 450 N Street Sacramento , CA 95814 |

Each of the Taxpayers' Bill of Rights public hearings will also be streamed live at www.boe.ca.gov.

Taxpayers interested in making a presentation at the Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearings are invited to contact the BOE Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office by calling toll-free 888-324-2798, or by email at www.boe.ca.gov/info/emailtra.htm.

More information about the annual hearings is available online at www.boe.ca.gov/meetings/heartra.htm.

Enacted in January 1989, the Harris-Katz California Taxpayers' Bill of Rights 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.

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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.

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