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## **Free Cypress Small Business Tax Seminar and Resource Expo Helps Small Businesses Succeed**

**Sacramento** – Small business owners and those aspiring to own a small business will find the information they need to succeed at the Small Business Tax Seminar and Resource Expo. The September 7 event, to be held in Cypress, is sponsored by Board of Equalization (BOE) Vice Chair Michelle Steel, Senator Bob Huff, Cypress Mayor Douglas Bailey and the City of Cypress.

Representatives from the BOE, the Employment Development Department, the Franchise Tax Board, the Internal Revenue Service, the Small Business Administration and the California Institute for Economic Development will be giving presentations and answering questions on a variety of topics. These include tax essentials for small businesses, keeping better records, loan programs and services and small business marketing.

**Event:** Small Business Tax Seminar and Resource Expo

**Date:** Friday, September 7, 2012

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (check-in at 8:30 a.m.)

**Place:** Cypress Community Center  
5700 Orange Avenue  
Cypress, CA 90630  
(Free Parking)

**Register:** [www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/sbf.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/sbf.htm) or call 888-847-9652

For more information: [http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/pdf/CypressSBS\\_invite\\_WEB.pdf](http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/pdf/CypressSBS_invite_WEB.pdf)

Other helpful in-person classes offered by BOE:  
[www.boe.ca.gov/info/VirtualSeminars/seminars\\_inperson.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/info/VirtualSeminars/seminars_inperson.htm).

Online seminars on a variety of topics are here: [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.

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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