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Free Newport Beach Seminar Provides Tax Help for Restaurant Owners

Sacramento – Restaurant owners and those considering opening a restaurant can ask and get answers to their questions about taxes at an upcoming forum in Newport Coast. The Restaurant Tax Seminar on September 19, 2012, is sponsored by Board of Equalization (BOE) Vice Chair Michelle Steel, the City of Newport Beach, and the Newport Beach Restaurant Association.

Representatives from the BOE, the Employment Development Department, the Franchise Tax Board, the Internal Revenue Service, and the US Small Business Administration will present helpful information and answer participants' questions. Seminar topics include sales and use tax, restaurant financing, employment taxes, different types of restaurant ownership, and reporting staff tips.

Event: Restaurant Tax Seminar

Date: Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Time: 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (check-in at 12:00 p.m.)

Place: Newport Coast Community Center
6401 San Joaquin Hills Road
Newport Coast, CA 92657
Free Parking



Register: <http://www.boe.ca.gov/cgi-bin/seminar.cgi?FLAG=174> or call 888-847-9652

For more information: http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/pdf/NewportBeach_Restaurant_WEB.pdf

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Online seminars on a variety of topics are here: 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 \$53.7 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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