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Free Fountain Valley Small Business Fair

Sacramento – Business owners, entrepreneurs, and individuals who would like to start a business are invited to attend a [free small business fair in Fountain Valley](#) on Tuesday, October 8, 2013. California State Board of Equalization (BOE) Vice Chair Michelle Steel and the City of Fountain Valley are sponsoring this event.

Entrepreneurs and small business owners looking for answers and help with state and federal tax laws, as well as business people who want to expand their business knowledge, will benefit from presentations by representatives from the BOE, the Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Small Business Administration, and the Small Business Development Center.

Event: Free Small Business Fair in Fountain Valley

Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
(Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.)

Place: Fountain Valley Recreation Center
Sunridge Room
16400 Brookhurst Street
Fountain Valley, CA 92708
(Free Parking)

Registration: www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/sbf.htm or call 1-888-847-9652

Learn more about a variety of BOE’s other [in-person classes](#) and [online seminars](#).

Editor’s note: The following PSAs (15-second audio) and (30-second audio) are available for your use.

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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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