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**1-916-327-8988****BOE Members Join Forces to Present Strategies for Entrepreneurs' Success**  
**Free Small Business Seminar Coming to Long Beach**

**Sacramento** – California State Board of Equalization (BOE) Chairman Jerome E. Horton and Vice Chair Michelle Steel are extending an invitation to small business owners to a free Long Beach Small Business Seminar on Thursday, April 4, 2013. Entrepreneurs looking for assistance with taxes and record keeping, business marketing, and government sub-contracting will receive helpful information during this daylong seminar.

Representatives from the BOE, the Employment Development Department, the Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Small Business Administration, and the Small Business Development Center - L.A. Regional Network will present useful information and answer questions. This seminar is sponsored by Chairman Horton, Vice Chair Steel, Senator Ricardo Lara, Long Beach City Councilmember Gerrie Schipske, and the California Chamber of Commerce.

**Event:** Free Long Beach Small Business Seminar

**Date:** Thursday, April 4, 2013

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

**Place:** Long Beach City College  
Community Multi-Purpose Room, T1200  
4901 East Carson Street  
Long Beach, CA 90808 (\$1 parking, use Lot J)

**Registration:** 1-888-847-9652 or [online](#)

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

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Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization's Legislative Committee Chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

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

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