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Free Costa Mesa Tax Seminar for Nonprofit Organizations **BOE Free Tax Seminar in Costa Mesa on April 11**

Sacramento – Individuals who manage or who would like to start a nonprofit or exempt organization can find answers to questions about taxes and funding programs at a free Costa Mesa [Tax Seminar for Nonprofit and Exempt Organizations](#) on Thursday, April 11, 2013 in Costa Mesa. Board of Equalization (BOE) Vice Chair Michelle Steel is sponsoring this event.

Individuals seeking help understanding sales and use tax for nonprofits, compliance for exempt organizations, employment taxes and nonprofits, property tax exemptions, regulation of charities, will receive valuable information through presentations given by representatives from the Office of the California Attorney General, Employment Development Department, Internal Revenue Service, Franchise Tax Board, and BOE’s Sales and Use Tax Department and Property Tax Department.

- Event:** Free Costa Mesa Tax Seminar for Nonprofit Organizations
- Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2013
- Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.)
- Place:** Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center
1845 Park Avenue
Costa Mesa, CA 92627
- Registration:** 1-888-847-9652 or [online](#) at
<http://www.boe.ca.gov/cgi-bin/seminar.cgi?FLAG=200>

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

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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

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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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