



State Board of Equalization

# News Release

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### **BOE and Partners Provide Assistance to Small Business Owners Free Garden Grove Seminar Features Strategies for Success**

**Sacramento** – Business owners, entrepreneurs, and individuals who would like to start a business are invited to attend a free small business seminar on Thursday, June 13, 2013, in Garden Grove. Michelle Steel, Vice Chair of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), and the Coastline Community College’s Institute for Economic Development are sponsoring the free event.

Business owners with questions about state and federal tax laws, new and prospective business owners, and those hoping to expand their business knowledge should consider attending this informative seminar. Representatives from the BOE, Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, and the Department of General Services, will offer vitally important presentations.

- Event:** Garden Grove Small Business Seminar
- Date:** Thursday, June 13, 2013
- Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (check-in at 8:00 a.m.)
- Place:** Coastline Community College, Garden Grove Center  
12901 Euclid Street  
Garden Grove, CA 92840

**Registration:** [www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/sbf.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/sbf.htm)

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

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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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