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BOE and Partners Offer San Bernardino Free Tax Seminar for Nonprofit Organizations

Sacramento – Organizations and individuals who want to learn about important state laws that affect nonprofits are invited to attend a [free nonprofit tax seminar](#) in San Bernardino on Monday, September 16, 2013.

Those involved in nonprofit organizations with questions about state tax laws, people considering new and prospective nonprofits, and those hoping to expand their knowledge should attend this informative seminar hosted by California State Board of Equalization (BOE) Member George Runner, BOE Vice-Chair Michelle Steel, and San Bernardino County Supervisors Janice Rutherford and Josie Gonzales.

“More than 150,000 nonprofits are in California and deal with our most pressing social, economic and environmental problems,” said Board of Equalization Member George Runner. “We want these organizations to be successful and to know which of California’s tax laws and regulations impact them.”

“Nonprofit organizations already have a challenging task raising money and providing needed services; especially in this economic environment, they don’t need to waste time struggling to understand and comply with the tax code,” said Vice Chair Steel. “That is why we have organized this free Tax Seminar.”

Representatives from the BOE, Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, State Attorney General’s Office, and the Inland Empire Small Business Development Center will make presentations.

Event: San Bernardino Nonprofit Seminar

Date: Monday, September 16, 2013

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

Place: County of San Bernardino Government Center
Covington Chambers
385 N. Arrowhead Ave
San Bernardino, CA 92415
(Free Parking)

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

Learn more about BOE's other [in-person classes](#) and [online seminars](#).

Editor's note: A [15-second](#) and [30-second](#) PSA for this event is available for your use.

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Elected in November 2010, George Runner represents the State Board of Equalization's Second District. He is a leading advocate for California taxpayers. Runner has worked to improve California's tax policies and practices and to create and retain more private sector jobs in our state. Prior to his election to the Board, Runner served twelve years in the State Legislature, authoring the well-known California Amber Alert and California's Blue Alert. As a thoughtful conservative, his legislative priorities included improving the economy, business growth, education excellence, and public safety for all Californians. As a member of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, Runner consistently led the fight against tax increases and supported tax relief for families and businesses.

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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