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Free Small Business Tax Seminar in Bakersfield

Sacramento – Business owners, entrepreneurs, and individuals who would like to start a business and learn how to comply with California’s often complex tax laws are invited to attend a [free Small Business Tax Seminar in Bakersfield](#) on Tuesday, August 19, 2014.

California State Board of Equalization (BOE) Member George Runner is sponsoring this event with Senator Andy Vidak, Senator Jean Fuller, Assemblymember Shannon Grove, Bakersfield Mayor Harvey L. Hall, and the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce.

“Small businesses are critical to the economic health of our state,” said Runner. “My goal is to help business owners be successful by ensuring they understand California’s complicated tax laws.”

Those looking for assistance with state and federal tax laws, as well as those who want to expand their business knowledge, will benefit from presentations given by representatives from the BOE, Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, Small Business Development Center, and the Internal Revenue Service. Seminar topics include avoiding sales and use tax problems, forms of ownership, better business through better records, alternative financing and capital, tips to grow your business, and employee or independent contractor.

Event: Free Bakersfield Small Business Tax Seminar

Date: Tuesday, August 19, 2014

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
(Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.)

Place: California State University, Bakersfield (Student Union)
9001 Stockdale Highway
Bakersfield, CA 93311
(Free parking)

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

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

Editor’s note: *The following PSAs (30-second audio) (30-second video) are 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.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects \$56 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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