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### **Orange Small Business Seminar on November 13**

**Sacramento** – Business owners looking to grow their businesses and learn more about complying with state and federal tax laws are invited to attend the [Small Business Seminar in Orange](#) on Thursday, November 13, 2014.

California State Board of Equalization (BOE) Vice Chair Michelle Steel is sponsoring this free event with Orange Mayor Teresa Smith, Orange Mayor Pro Tem Fred Whitaker, Orange City Councilmember Mark Murphy, Orange City Councilmember Denis Bilodeau, and Orange City Councilmember Mike Alivarez.

Those looking for assistance will benefit from presentations given by representatives from BOE, Franchise Tax Board, Employment Development Department, California Small Business Development Center, Internal Revenue Service, and the U.S. Small Business Administration. Seminar topics include traditional and nontraditional business financing, using tax credits to finance your business, meet you community’s elected officials—assessing problem solvers, marketing your business, new permit holder training, audits and compliance, recordkeeping and tax tips, forms of ownership, and employee vs. independent contractor.

- Event:** Orange Small Business Seminar
- Date:** Thursday, November 13, 2014
- Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. (Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.)
- Place:** Orange City Council Chambers  
300 East Chapman Avenue  
Orange, CA 92866

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

**Editor’s note:** The following PSAs ([15-second audio](#)) and ([30-second audio](#)) are available for your use.

Learn more about a variety of other BOE [in-person](#) seminars 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 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 \$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](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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