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Free Food Industry Seminar Offers Tips for Success

City of Brea Forum for Restaurants, Bars, Mobile Food Truck Owners to Ask Questions, Get Help

Sacramento – Restaurant and bar owners, mobile food vendors, and others who would like to start or expand a food industry business, are invited to attend a [free food industry seminar in the City of Brea](#) on Thursday, March 13, 2014. California State Board of Equalization (BOE) Vice Chair Michelle Steel and the City of Brea are sponsoring this informative event.

Representatives from the BOE, Employment Development Department, and the Orange County Health Department will offer presentations that will answer questions about sales and use tax, identifying taxable items, tip and wage reporting, what to expect during a health inspection, health and safety operating standards, unemployment insurance information, what licenses businesses need to post, what owners need to provide new employees, and information for food trucks and mobile food vendors.

Event: Free Food Industry Seminar

Date: Thursday, March 13, 2014

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
(Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.)

Place: Brea Civic and Cultural Center
Community Rooms A&B
1 Civic Center Circle
Brea, CA 92821
(Free Parking)

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

Learn more about a variety of other BOE [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 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.

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