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Irwindale Area Businesses – Don't Miss Out on Millions in Tax Relief

Sacramento – On Monday, March 17, 2014, California State Board of Equalization (BOE) Board Member George Runner and Chairman Jerome E. Horton will host a [free Small Business Seminar](#) to provide small-to-medium-sized businesses with information about millions of dollars in tax credits, refunds, and business loan assistance. Attendees will learn about traditional and nontraditional capital and minimizing the burden of taxation, plus have the opportunity to meet their elected representatives who make decisions that affect small businesses.

The seminar will be held at the Irwindale Community Center, 16102 Arrow Highway, Irwindale, CA 91706. The event takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m. You can register for the seminar online at www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/sbf.htm or by calling 1-888-847-9652.

The Irwindale Chamber of Commerce, State Senator Ed Hernandez, Assemblymember Roger Hernández, and the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) are co-sponsoring the seminar, and encourage local entrepreneurs to attend, learn, and capitalize on this unique opportunity to obtain information that can help expand and maintain their businesses.

"Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, but everyday owners face challenges with California's complicated tax laws," said Board Member George Runner. "As their elected taxpayer advocate, I want to make sure small business owners can be successful and avoid California's tax traps."

"Our goal is to inform California businesses about the resources and tax credits that are available to help small businesses succeed," said Chairman Jerome E. Horton. "It is equally important to build relationships with the decision makers and one another to order to better position yourself for success."

The Board recently eliminated its mandatory deposit requirement for some accounts, and is in the process of releasing millions of dollars in cash, bonds, and guaranties back to taxpayers. Updates about this release of cash and bond payments can be found at www.boe.ca.gov/ as they become available. The BOE website also has information about how businesses might be impacted by legislation, policy, and procedural changes. Attending one of the upcoming Small Business Conferences held throughout Los Angeles County will also provide the opportunity to speak directly to a BOE representative about these issues.

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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 in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization's Legislative Committee Chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board of Equalization 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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