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## **Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearings**

**Sacramento** – The Board of Equalization's (BOE) annual Taxpayers' Bill of Rights hearings in Sacramento on May 22, 2014 will provide California Taxpayers an opportunity to discuss best practices; teach taxpayers how to maneuver through the bureaucracy; and educate people on their rights as taxpayers. Share with your elected Board Members your thoughts on how to improve the administration of business and property taxes.

The Taxpayers' Bill of Rights hearings begin at approximately 1:30 p.m. at the following location:

**When:** Thursday, May 22, 2014  
**Where:** Board of Equalization Headquarters Building  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Board Room, Room 121  
450 N Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

Individuals interested in making a presentation at either the Business Taxpayers' or the Property Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearing are invited to contact the BOE Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office by calling toll-free 1-888-324-2798, or by email at [www.boe.ca.gov/info/emailtra.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/info/emailtra.htm).

*Editor's note: The following PSA (30-second audio) is available for your use.*

Enacted in January 1989, the Harris-Katz California Taxpayers' Bill of Rights requires the BOE to ensure that the rights of California taxpayers are protected during the assessment and collection of sales and uses taxes. The Taxpayers' Bill of Rights was expanded in 1993 to include special tax programs such as excise, fuel, and alcohol taxes, and the Morgan Property Taxpayers' Bill of Rights was added in 1994. The Board is required by law to conduct public Bill of Rights hearings annually.

More information about the annual hearings: [www.boe.ca.gov/meetings/heartra.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/meetings/heartra.htm).

Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office: [www.boe.ca.gov/tra/tra.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/tra/tra.htm)

Taxpayers' Rights Advocate's 2012-13 Annual Report: [www.boe.ca.gov/tra/tra1213.pdf](http://www.boe.ca.gov/tra/tra1213.pdf)

Taxpayers' Bill of Rights hearings are webcast at [www.boe.ca.gov/meetings/board\\_hearing\\_audio.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/meetings/board_hearing_audio.htm)

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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](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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