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PARRISH ANNOUNCES SAN DIEGO COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS FAIR

Claude Parrish, Vice Chairman of the State Board of Equalization (BOE), today announced that federal, state, and local government agencies will team up to present a free, one-day event offering tax assistance to small businesses in San Diego County.

Small business owners are encouraged to attend and bring their questions on tax laws and regulations. Representatives from the BOE, Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, and the Internal Revenue Service's Small Business Administration will be on-hand to assist attendees.

Date: Friday, June 3, 2005
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)
Place: University of San Diego
5998 Alcalá Park
San Diego, CA 92110-2492

The small business fair will begin at 9:00 a.m. with opening remarks by Mr. Parrish. The event will include general information sessions and workshops tailored to suit the needs of the small business owner.

Topics to be presented include sales and use tax law, employee vs. independent contractors, business property statement filings, state income tax and small business, social security and small business, small business information resources, hiring rules and Form I-9.

For more information or to obtain a brochure, please call (760) 744-6284 or (619) 525-4550 or visit the BOE website at <http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/tpsched.htm>

Claude Parrish, of Long Beach, was elected to his first term as Third District Board Member of the State Board of Equalization in 1998, and re-elected in 2002. In December 2004, Mr. Parrish was re-elected to serve as Vice Chairman, a position he has held for the past two years. He presided as Chair of the Board in 2001.

The five-member Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board collects more than \$44 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It also acts as the appellate body for business tax appeals, franchise and personal income tax appeals, and plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property tax.

Other Board Members include Betty T. Yee of San Francisco, Acting Member, First District;

Bill Leonard of Sacramento/Ontario, Second District; Chairman John Chiang of Los Angeles, Fourth District and State Controller Steve Westly.

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