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**BOARD MEMBER JOHN CHIANG ANNOUNCES FREE TAX HELP
FOR SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS**

John Chiang, Member of the State Board of Equalization (BOE), Fourth District announced today that several federal, state, and local government agencies will team up to offer a free, one-day tax fair for San Gabriel Valley small businesses.

Are you a business owner who is feeling overwhelmed by tax laws and reporting requirements? Perhaps you're unsure if you can claim exemptions, or maybe you just need help recovering funds from a bad check someone passed on to you. Well, help is on the way.

Chiang said, "This is your opportunity to attend a variety of free workshops and talk to the experts. Representatives of the BOE, Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, Small Business Administration, as well as other local, state, and federal agencies, will be present to answer your questions. If you are a small business owner, you won't want to miss this opportunity."

Date: Friday, September 10, 2004
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Place: San Gabriel Valley Hotel, formerly the Radisson Hotel
14635 Baldwin Park Towne Center
Baldwin Park, CA 91706

Registration for the small business fair will begin at 8:30 a.m., with opening remarks by Mr. Chiang at 9:00 a.m. Following Mr. Chiang will be Mr. Kevin Smith, Business Editor, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, who will comment on recent events and news of interest to the business community in the Valley. The fair will include general information sessions, as well as workshops tailored to suit the needs of the small business owner.

Topics to be presented include:

- State and Federal Basic Payroll Tax
- Preparing a Sales and Use Tax Return
- Home Based Business
- How to Start and Manage a Small Business
- IRS Record Keeping
- How to Reduce Bad Check Losses
- Financing a Small Business
- Compliance with Federal Wage and Hour Laws

For more information or to obtain a brochure, please call (310) 342-1080; or visit the BOE website at www.boe.ca.gov and click on Free Seminars under "Meet with Us" on the left-hand side of the home page.

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