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NEW FIGURES FROM TAX AMNESTY CAMPAIGN

Board of Equalization Vice Chairman Claude Parrish today announced new results from the sales and use tax portion of the Tax Amnesty Campaign.

As of February 8, the BOE has received 972 applications with revenue and pledges of \$491,500 dollars in sales and use taxes.

"I'm pleased to see that so many taxpayers have taken advantage of the amnesty opportunity," said Parrish.

California is offering a tax amnesty program from February 1 through March 31, 2005. Amnesty applies to sales, use, income, and franchise taxes for tax years 2002 and earlier. Taxpayers can avoid criminal prosecution and get most penalties and fees waived by paying the tax and interest.

Visit www.taxes.ca.gov for more information.

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 commission. The Board collects nearly \$42 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and also 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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