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## **CHIANG ANNOUNCES SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SMALL BUSINESS FAIR**

John Chiang, Chairman of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE) today announced that the BOE's West Covina office and several federal, state and local government agencies will team up to present a free, one-day event offering assistance to small businesses in the San Gabriel Valley.

Chiang said, "The business fair helps small business owners learn how to save time and money when navigating the tax system. The BOE can teach small business owners new ways to build wealth."

On hand to assist attendees will be representatives of the BOE, Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Department of Labor, as well as other local, state, and federal agencies.

**Date:** Friday, September 9, 2005  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Courtyard by Marriott Baldwin Park  
14635 Baldwin Park Towne Center  
Baldwin Park, CA 91706

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The business fair will begin at 9:00 a.m. with opening remarks by Mr. Chiang, followed by Mr. Bill Carney, President and CEO of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership. The business fair will include general information sessions, and workshops tailored to suit the needs of the small businesses.

Topics will include sales and use tax basics, state income tax and small business, construction contractors, recordkeeping (IRS), basic payroll tax, and how to start and manage a business.

For more information or to obtain a brochure, please call (626) 480-8226; or visit the BOE website at <http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/tpsched.htm>.

Chairman John Chiang, of Los Angeles, was elected to his first term as Fourth District Member on the State Board of Equalization in 1998, and re-elected in 2002. He was named Chair of the Board in December 2004. He also presided as Chair in 2002.

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 hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

Other Board Members include Betty T. Yee of San Francisco, Acting Member, First District; Bill Leonard of Sacramento/Ontario, Second District; Claude Parrish of Long Beach, Third District; and State Controller Steve Westly.

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