



State Board of Equalization

# News Release

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## **BILL LEONARD ANNOUNCES FREE TAX SEMINAR FOR FRESNO NONPROFITS**

Bill Leonard, Member of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), along with Senator Roy Ashburn, is sponsoring a free one-day tax seminar to assist nonprofit organizations in the Fresno area.

Leonard encourages those involved with nonprofit and exempt organizations to attend and learn how tax laws and reporting requirements affect their operations.

Participants are encouraged to bring questions about tax laws and reporting requirements and speak with experts from:

Board of Equalization  
Internal Revenue Service

Franchise Tax Board  
Employment Development Department

Topics will include tax laws for nonprofits, employment taxes, and property tax exemptions.

**Date:** Friday, May 18, 2007  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.)  
**Place:** International Catering Company  
(Formerly LaRyan Event Center)  
4277 N. West Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93705

Registration is available online at [www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/nonprofitsched.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/nonprofitsched.htm), or you can register by phone at 916-341-7389.

Bill Leonard, of Sacramento/Ontario, was re-elected as the Second District Member of the State Board of Equalization in November. Prior to his election, he served in the State Assembly (1978-1988, 1996-2002) and in the State Senate (1988-1996).

The five-member Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board collects nearly \$53 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.

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