



# News Release

## Vice Chairwoman Betty T. Yee

1<sup>st</sup> District – San Francisco

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### Betty T. Yee Hosts Free Contra Costa Small Business Fair

Betty T. Yee, Vice Chairwoman of the Board of Equalization (BOE), along with State Senator Tom Torlakson and Assembly Member Mark DeSaulnier today announced that federal, state, and local government agencies will coordinate a free, one day tax seminar for small businesses in Contra Costa County.

“These free seminars help small businesses thrive in California,” said Vice Chairwoman Yee. “Having many government agencies in one location to answer questions enables new small businesses to be created and to grow,” Yee continues. “I strongly encourage individuals to attend and bring their questions on tax laws and regulations.”

Representatives from the BOE, Internal Revenue Service, Employment Development Department, U.S. Small Business Administration, Contra Costa County Small Business Development Center, and other local, state, and federal agencies will be available to assist attendees.

**Event:** Contra Costa County Small Business Fair  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008  
**Time:** 9:00 am – 2:30 pm (check-in at 8:30am)  
**Place:** Crowne Plaza Hotel  
45 John Glenn Drive  
Concord, CA 94520  
(Parking is free)

The fair topics will be presented in a two-track format to assist attendees interested in starting a business or growing a business:

Track One: Starting your business

- State Income Tax and Small Businesses
- Developing a Business Plan
- Basic Sales and Use Tax
- Financing Your Business
- Succeeding in Home-Based Business

Track Two: Growing your business

- Marketing/Growing Your Business
- Contracting Opportunities
- Better Business Through Better Records
- Sales and Use Tax: How to Avoid Common Pitfalls
- Employee or Independent Contractor

For more information, please call 916-341-7389 or visit the BOE website at [www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/tpsched.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/tpsched.htm) or [www.boe.ca.gov/members/yee/pdf/concord\\_invite.pdf](http://www.boe.ca.gov/members/yee/pdf/concord_invite.pdf).

Vice Chairwoman Betty T. Yee was elected to her post in November 2006. Her district includes many of California's coastal counties, from Del Norte to Santa Barbara, and includes the entire San Francisco Bay Area.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$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 serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

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