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Judy Chu Sponsors San Fernando Valley Small Business Fair

Judy Chu, Ph.D., Chair of the State Board of Equalization (BOE) and John Chiang, California State Controller and member of the BOE today announced that federal, state, and local government agencies will be available for a free one day San Fernando Valley Small Business Fair.

“Small businesses are a critical component of the California economy,” said Chair Chu. “Helping new small business start up and grow in California is a service the Board of Equalization is proud to assist with,” Chu remarks. “Individuals should attend and take advantage of having these federal, state, and local government agencies in one place to answer all their questions on tax laws and regulations.”

Representatives from the BOE, Internal Revenue Service, Employment Development Department, U.S. Small Business Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Franchise Tax Board, State Controller’s Office, Los Angeles County Office of Small Business and other local, state, and federal agencies will be available to assist attendees.

Event: San Fernando Valley Small Business Fair
Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2008
Time: 9:00 am – 2:30 pm (check-in at 8:30am)
Place: Hilton Universal City
555 Universal Hollywood Drive
Universal City, CA 91608
(Parking is \$8.00)

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 231-593-1311 or visit the BOE website at www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/tpsched.htm or www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/pdf/sanfernando_sbf_invite.pdf.

Chair Chu represents the Fourth Board of Equalization District, which includes Los Angeles County. She won election to the BOE in November 2006 and was elected Chair of the Board of Equalization in January 2008. Chair Chu is also a voting member of the Franchise Tax Board.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization 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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