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Michelle Steel Sponsors Riverside Small Business Fair

Riverside Small Business Fair Provides Valuable Assistance to Small Business Owners

Michelle Steel, Southern California's elected taxpayer advocate, Senator John Benoit, Assemblyman Jeff Miller, and County Assessor Larry Ward, in partnership with the City of Riverside today announced that representatives from the State Board of Equalization (BOE), Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, Employment Development Department, U.S. Small Business Administration, and other local agencies will be available to assist attendees at a BOE sponsored Small Business Fair in Riverside.

Event: Riverside Small Business Fair
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2009
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (check-in at 9:30 a.m.)
Place: Riverside Convention Center
3443 Orange Street
Riverside, CA 92501-2821
(Free Parking)

Topics presented include: Basic Sales and Use Tax, State Income Tax and Small Business, Sales and Marketing Strategies for 2010, Small Business Association Loan Programs and Services, Writing your Business Plan, Sales and Use Tax: How to Avoid Common Pitfalls, Employee or Independent Contractor, Better Business Through Better Records, and The Bottom Line – Top Dollar Advice for Tough Economic Times.

To register, call 888-847-9652 or register online at: www.boe.ca.gov/cgi-bin/seminar.cgi?FLAG=107. For more information on this San Diego Small Business Fair, visit www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/sbf.htm.

Elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006, Michelle Steel serves as Southern California's elected taxpayer advocate. In 2008, Steel uncovered a \$42 million mistake in the agency's sales tax refund procedures. Following her investigation, the tax agency refunded tax security deposits to over 5,500 small businesses.

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. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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