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Jerome E. Horton to Give Keynote Address at the City of Gardena Police Foundation's Second Annual Awards Dinner

LOS ANGELES – Jerome E. Horton, Vice Chair of the State Board of Equalization (BOE), announced today that he is scheduled to make the keynote speech at the Second Annual City of Gardena Police Foundation Awards Dinner in Torrance.

RAMON J. HIRSIG
Executive Director

DATE: Wednesday, November 11, 2009

**TIME: General Reception 5:30 p.m.
Dinner 7:00 p.m.**

**LOCATION: Holiday Inn Torrance
Gateway Ballroom
19800 S. Vermont Avenue
Torrance, CA 90502**

BACKGROUND: The Second Annual City of Gardena Police Foundation Awards Dinner serves as a tribute to businesses and individuals that have made contributions to the Gardena community and businesses.

Vice Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the 4th District Member of the BOE representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. Horton is the first African American to serve on the BOE since its inception in 1879. He is also the third African American constitutional officer in California's history.

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

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