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Michelle Steel Hosts Small Business Fair in San Diego with Mayor Jerry Sanders

Michelle Steel, *San Diego's elected taxpayer advocate*, and San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders, today announced that federal, state, and local government agencies will be available on Tuesday, April 7th for a free one-day Small Business Fair in San Diego.

Representatives from the State Board of Equalization, City of San Diego, Internal Revenue Service, Franchise Tax Board, Employment Development Department, Department of General Services, U.S. Small Business Administration, Southwestern College Small Business Development Center and Center for International Trade, SCORE –San Diego, California Taxpayer Advocates, California Tax Education Council, and other local, state, and federal agencies and nonprofit organizations will be available to assist attendees.

Event: San Diego Small Business Fair
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2009
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (check-in at 8:30 a.m.)
Place: Handlery Hotel and Resort
950 Hotel Circle North
San Diego, CA 92108
(Parking \$3.00 with validation sticker)

Topics presented in the two series workshops: Series one is the Starting Your Business Workshop that includes: Basic Sales and Use Tax, Writing a Business Plan, State Income Tax and Small Business, Making Taxes Easier for Small Business Filing Schedule C, and Surviving and Thriving in Today's Economy. Series two is the Growing Your Business Workshop that includes: Marketing Your Business, The Bottom Line – Top Dollar Advice for Tough Economic Times (Panel Discussion), Sales and Use Tax: How to Avoid Common Pitfalls, Better Business through Better Records, and Employee or Independent Contractor.

For more information, please call 888-847-9652 or visit the BOE website at www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/sbf.htm. Attendees can register for the San Diego Small Business Seminar on the BOE website at www.boe.ca.gov/cgi-bin/seminar.cgi?FLAG=93

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.

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