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## **Senator George Runner to be Sworn in as 2nd District Board of Equalization Member**

Senator George Runner will be sworn in as a Member of the Board of Equalization on Monday, January 3rd, at 4:00 PM, at the Board of Equalization Headquarters Building located at 450 N Street in Sacramento. Runner will represent California's 2<sup>nd</sup> Equalization District.

The oath of office will be administered by State Controller John Chiang. Former lawmaker and Board Member Dean Andal will emcee the ceremony.

"I am excited about the opportunity to serve on the only elected tax board in the nation as an advocate for California's taxpayers," said Runner. "Californians should be treated with respect and fairness when it comes to tax administration. They are tired of being over-taxed, and over-regulated. I pledge to fight for them."

He will represent more than 8 million California residents living in thirty-four counties stretching from the Oregon border to San Bernardino.

Runner added, "Californians sent a powerful message against higher taxes and bigger government in November when they struck down Proposition 21 and approved Proposition 26. When it comes to taxes, Californians are conservative."

Runner noted that his past accomplishments prove his ability to advocate effectively for Californians. During his twelve years in the State Legislature, his priorities included improving economic prosperity, business growth, education excellence, and family preservation for all Californians.

Along with his wife, former Assemblywoman Sharon Runner, Runner authored California's Jessica's Law – creating some of the toughest and most comprehensive sex offender management and control laws in the nation.

He also authored the well-known California Amber Alert, which has resulted in more than 200 successful reunions of children with their parents; as well as California's Blue Alert, which uses Amber Alert technology when a peace officer has been killed, seriously wounded or assaulted with a deadly weapon and the suspect has fled the scene.

As a constitutional officer, along with current Board Member Michelle Steel, Runner will serve as the highest-ranking Republican elected official in California.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$48 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](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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