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**Vice Chairperson Jerome E. Horton**

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## ***Connecting Women to Power Pre-Conference a Success***

*Board of Equalization Vice Chairperson Jerome E. Horton Sponsors Event*

Jerome E. Horton, Vice Chairperson of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), hosted over 300 women entrepreneurs at *Connecting Women to Power*, a pre-conference seminar. Board of Equalization Chairwoman Betty T. Yee joined Vice Chairperson Horton in addressing all in attendance at the American Jewish University.

The June 24 event was kicked off with Vice Chairperson Horton's welcome remarks followed by an address from Keynote Speaker Renee Radcliff Sinclair, Northwest Regional Director of Congressional and Public Affairs for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. "This event has perfect timing and is directed to the proper audience. With today's attendees, we have reached a key audience with our message," stated Ms. Radcliff Sinclair after her address.

Two panels, made up of leaders from corporations and government agencies, provided information about investment and business expansion opportunities, encouraging women entrepreneurs to thrive in today's global business climate.

"I am excited to see so many women entrepreneurs getting information necessary to excel internationally and domestically. My goal is to get business owners connected so they are not only successful, but can grow their businesses into major companies and even have them expand overseas," Horton said. "Today's pre-conference seminar is a prelude to the mega-conference I will host in March 2011."

Horton has planned his *Connecting Women to Power Conference* for March 2011, during Women's History month. This event is expected to be bigger and provide more resources to women who own their own business, or aspire to do so. They will also have the opportunity to build key alliances while getting the latest information on industry trends.

Vice Chairperson Jerome E. Horton is the 4<sup>th</sup> District Member of the BOE, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the BOE Legislative Committee chairperson. Horton is the first African American to serve on the BOE since its inception in 1879, and the third African American constitutional officer in California's history. Horton was appointed by the Governor and confirmed by both the Assembly and the Senate in 2009. Horton previously served as an Assembly member from 2000-2006.

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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