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# News Release

**Chairman Jerome E. Horton**

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## **Jerome E. Horton Announces Board Committee Chair Assignments**

Jerome E. Horton, Chairman of the California Board of Equalization, today announced Board of Equalization committee chair assignments. Board Committees provide forums for interested members of the public to express their views and present proposals to the Board Members in their capacity as Committee Members.

The Legislative Committee will be chaired by Board Chairman Jerome E. Horton. The Legislative Committee recommends Board positions on bills before the Legislature and the Governor and discusses legislative changes for possible Board sponsorship.

The Customer Service and Administrative Efficiency Committee will be chaired by Board Vice Chair Michelle Steel. The Customer Service and Administrative Efficiency Committee addresses issues that affect customer service to taxpayers and fee payers, as well as administrative operations throughout the Board.

The Business Taxes Committee will be chaired by Board Member Betty T. Yee. The Business Taxes Committee considers matters related to the BOE's administration of tax and fee laws and proposed changes to regulations, policies, and procedures. The Committee provides a forum for interested members of the public to express their views and present proposals regarding the provisions and policies related to Board-administered tax and fee laws.

The Property Tax Committee will be chaired by Senator George Runner, Second District Board of Equalization Member. The Property Tax Committee promotes uniformity and consistency in property tax assessment and administration by providing guidance to county assessors and their staffs, the BOE's Property Tax staff, and other property tax practitioners through the Assessors' Handbook, property tax rules, and other written guidelines.

Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the BOE Legislative Committee chairman. 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 previously served as a member of the California State Assembly 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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