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Westminster Small Business Fair Scheduled for February 18, 2011

Vice Chair of the State Board of Equalization Michelle Steel, the City of Westminster, the Westminster Chamber of Commerce, and the Vietnamese American Chamber of Commerce of Orange County today announced that they are sponsoring a free Westminster Small Business Fair on February 18, 2011.

Representatives from the Board of Equalization, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, Employment Development Department, U.S. Small Business Administration, Orange County SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives), and the Coastline Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship will be available at the fair to assist attendees. This free fair is geared towards new business owners, entrepreneurs considering starting a business, and business owners that have questions about state or federal tax laws. Presentations include Basic Sales and Use Tax, Better Business through Better Records, State Income Tax and Small Business, Small Business Resources and Updates for 2011, Small Business Administration Loan Programs and Services, Developing a Winning Business Plan, and Business Marketing.

Event: Westminster Small Business Fair
Date: Friday, February 18, 2011
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (check-in at 8:30 a.m.)
Place: Westminster Civic Center
8200 Westminster Blvd.
Westminster, CA 92683
(Free Parking)
Register: Call 888-847-9652 or go online to: www.boe.ca.gov/cgi-bin/seminar.cgi?FLAG=129.

For more information on this seminar, visit: www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/sbf.htm. Additional information regarding other helpful in-person classes offered by BOE is available online at: www.boe.ca.gov/info/VirtualSeminars/seminars_inperson.htm. The BOE also offers easy to use, convenient, 24-hour accessible online seminars on a variety of tax and fee topics at: www.boe.ca.gov/info/VirtualSeminars/seminars_online.htm.

Elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006 and re-elected in 2010, Michelle Steel serves as *Southern California's elected taxpayer advocate*. In December 2007, Steel discovered the Board of Equalization had delayed the return of millions of dollars in security deposits owed to California businesses. Procedures were changed due to Steel's decisive leadership. 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 \$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.

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