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# News Release

**Vice Chairperson Jerome E. Horton**

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## **Board of Equalization Helps Employees Expand Education Opportunities** *California State University Offers Continuing Education for Working Adults*

Jerome E. Horton, Vice Chairperson of the California State Board of Equalization, today announced that the BOE is working collaboratively with the California State University's (CSU) Continuing Education Program to provide opportunities for adult learning to enable employees to get a college degree while working. The BOE hosted a one-hour presentation in Sacramento today by CSU that presented information on various degrees that can be earned through the College of Continuing Education Program.

The BOE continues to offer opportunities to its employees to gain a greater understanding of tax and fee programs, improve professional skills, and continue employee education for professional development to better serve the tax and fee payers of California. CSU will offer in-person and online classes to encourage BOE employees to expand their knowledge of a particular subject or advance toward an academic degree. The BOE is in preliminary discussions with the California State University Dominguez Hills to offer opportunities for BOE employees in Southern California. Employees who enroll in this program as students are responsible for the costs associated with the courses; however, reimbursement may be allowed pursuant to bargaining agreements.

Elected in 2010, 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 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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