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Free Nonprofit Tax Seminar in Lake Forest on May 13, 2011

Michelle Steel, Vice Chair of the State Board of Equalization, along with Assemblyman Donald P. Wagner of the 70th Assembly District, announced today that a free tax seminar for nonprofit and faith-based organizations will be held on Friday, May 13 at 9:00 a.m. in Lake Forest.

“Nonprofit organizations already have a challenging task raising money; especially in this economic environment, they don’t need to waste time struggling to understand and comply with the tax code,” said Vice Chair Steel. “That is why we have organized this free Tax Seminar.”

“We need local nonprofit organizations to fill the gaps government and private industry leave behind,” said Assemblyman Wagner. “This seminar will provide access to experts who can answer questions and share insightful tips on how to manage and maneuver your way through an often tedious and confusing process.”

Event: Free Tax Seminar for Nonprofit and Faith-Based Organizations

Where: Saddleback Valley Community Church
Refinery Building Auditorium
1 Saddleback Parkway
Lake Forest, California 92630

When: Friday, May 13, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Check-in at 8:30 a.m.

Register: Online at www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/nonprofitsched.htm or by phone at 888-847-9652

The free tax seminar for new and existing nonprofit and faith-based organizations will include presentations by experts on sales and use tax issues for nonprofits, property tax exemptions and compliance for exempt organizations, regulations for charities and fundraising events, employment taxes for nonprofit organizations, and an exempt organization workshop. Representatives from the State Board of Equalization, Franchise Tax Board, Employment Development Department, Office of Attorney General and the Internal Revenue Service, will be available to assist attendees.

For the invitation and map, visit: http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/pdf/SanBern_Invite_WEB.pdf

For all in-person seminars offered by the BOE, visit: 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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