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Fountain Valley Seminar Helps Small Businesses with Tax Essentials Join BOE and Partners for Free Tax Seminar and Resource Expo

Sacramento – Business owners, and individuals who would like to own a business, can find answers to their questions about taxes and loan programs, as well as learn about Web and smart phone services at the Small Business Tax Seminar and Resource Expo. This event will be held in Fountain Valley on Tuesday, October 30, 2012. It is sponsored by Board of Equalization (BOE) Vice Chair Michelle Steel, Assemblyman Jim Silva, and the City of Fountain Valley.

Representatives from the BOE, the Employment Development Department, the Franchise Tax Board, Small Business Administration, and the Coastline Institute for Economic Development will present information and answer questions on a wide variety of subjects. Highlights include tax essentials for small businesses, forms of business ownership, and social media marketing.

Event: Small Business Tax Seminar and Resource Expo

Date: Tuesday, October 30, 2012

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (check-in at 8:30 a.m.)

Place: Fountain Valley Recreation and Sports Park
16400 Brookhurst Street
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Register: Call 1-888-847-9652 or go online to
www.boe.ca.gov/cgi-bin/seminar.cgi?FLAG=179



BOE offers a variety of [in-person classes](#) and [online seminars](#).

Editor's note: Listen to the public service announcement (PSA) audio for this event ([15-second www.boe.ca.gov/news/FV_PSA_15.mp3](http://www.boe.ca.gov/news/FV_PSA_15.mp3)) and ([30-second www.boe.ca.gov/news/FV_PSA_30.mp3](http://www.boe.ca.gov/news/FV_PSA_30.mp3)).

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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. To date, over \$100 million in security deposits have been returned to taxpayers.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$53.7 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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