



State Board of Equalization

# News Release

**Chairman Jerome E. Horton**

**4<sup>th</sup> District – Los Angeles**

Kristine Cazadd  
Executive Director  
[www.boe.ca.gov](http://www.boe.ca.gov)

**For Immediate Release**  
**February 16, 2012**

**Contact: NR 18-12-H**  
**Juan Flores**  
**323-980-1221**

## **TAXPAYERS RECEIVE FREE TAX HELP AT VITA EVENTS** **Individuals Earning Less Than \$50k Annually May Be Eligible For a \$5,751 Tax Refund**

**Los Angeles** – The federal government is offering \$5,751 in Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC) to individuals earning less than \$50,000 annually. To help you learn if you qualify, Board of Equalization Chairman Jerome E. Horton is offering free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) events throughout the Los Angeles area to help qualified taxpayers recapture as much as \$12,000 in federal and state tax credits.

In addition, taxpayers attending the event at California State University, Dominguez Hills on Saturday February 25 can benefit from services such as low cost or free medical assistance, job preparation, food and nutrition services, and low cost auto insurance.

"For California to rise above economic uncertainty and succeed, so must her citizens," said Chairman Horton. "I am committed to giving Californians the tools they need to help them achieve economic success."

In 2009, \$1.2 billion in Earned Income Tax Credit went uncollected. Horton said, "As we grapple with balancing the budget, these badly needed funds could be used to stimulate the economy and keep individuals out of poverty. This money could be the difference in helping someone buy their medicines or even save their home from foreclosure."

### **Saturday, February 25**

CSU Dominguez Hills  
1000 East Victoria St  
Carson CA 90747

For an appointment call 888-434-8248  
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### **Saturday, March 17**

Los Angeles City College  
855 North Vermont Ave.  
Los Angeles CA 90029

For an appointment call 323-909-1975  
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### **Saturday, March 24**

CSU Los Angeles  
5151 State University Dr.  
Los Angeles CA 90032  
No appointment necessary  
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### **Saturday, April 14**

Long Beach City College  
4901 East Carson St.  
Long Beach CA 90808  
For an appointment call 888-434-8248  
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Watch the public service announcement at: [www.boe.ca.gov/members/horton/2012/vita\\_video.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/members/horton/2012/vita_video.htm).

- More-

For more information on scheduled Free Income Tax Preparation and Family Services events, visit Chairman Horton's web site at [www.boe.ca.gov/members/horton/2012/vita.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/members/horton/2012/vita.htm).

\* \* \* \* \*

Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization Legislative Committee chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The State Board of Equalization collects more than \$50 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).

###