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SAN DIEGO BUSINESS OWNERS OFFERED STATE OF THE ART TAX SERVICES **San Diego District Office Grand Opening March 14, 2012**

When San Diego business owners walk into the new San Diego BOE District Office, they will be offered nine self-service kiosks, an automated self check-in, and other innovative technologies. All of it will be on display at the facility's grand opening on **Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at 10:30 a.m.** located at 15015 Avenue of Science, Suite 200, San Diego, California 92128.

"This office is the first in California to offer state-of-the-art e-file kiosks for taxpayers to quickly and efficiently file and pay their taxes online," said BOE Vice Chair Michelle Steel. "A new automated check-in system will direct taxpayers to where they need to go without having to wait in a long line. And, as always, our BOE staff will be available to provide excellent customer service."



The BOE San Diego District Office services approximately 76,000 sales and use tax permits for businesses in San Diego and Imperial counties. There were approximately \$11 billion in taxable transactions from all business outlets in San Diego County in 2010.

"As Southern California's elected taxpayer advocate, I am pleased to open this new office, which will service all of San Diego County," Vice Chair Michelle Steel said. "This office is a one-stop-shop for business owners and other taxpayers, who want to register for a permit or license, file a tax return, and have their tax questions and inquiries answered."

Vice Chair Michelle Steel, BOE Chairman Jerome E. Horton, Board Member Senator George Runner, San Diego County Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk Ernest J. Dronenburg, San Diego County Sherriff William D. Gore, and state and local representatives are scheduled to attend the ribbon-cutting event.

To RSVP for the grand opening-ribbon cutting on **Wednesday, March 14 at 10:30 a.m.**, contact Raymond Morquecho at (310) 377-8016 or Raymond.Morquecho@boe.ca.gov.

To view **invitation, map and location**, visit: www.boe.ca.gov/news/pdf/SD_Office_Opening.pdf

Editor's Note: Go on a tour of the office to see the office during working hours.

The new BOE office has approximately 25,728 net useable square feet of office space on the second floor of the building, offers free parking for taxpayers, and easy freeway access off the I-15 freeway via Camino Del Norte and Carmel Mountain Road.

The Board of Equalization is the state's most comprehensive tax agency, collecting more than \$50 billion in taxes and fees. The population of San Diego County is approximately 3.1 million in 2010. It is estimated that there are about 291 thousand businesses in San Diego County circa 2007.

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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 \$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.

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