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Free Huntington Beach Small Business Tax Seminar Educates Taxpayers BOE Working To Help Small Businesses Succeed

Sacramento – If you own a small business or are thinking of starting one, the Small Business Tax Seminar has the answers you need to succeed. The event, to be held on Tuesday, October 2 in Huntington Beach, is sponsored by Board of Equalization (BOE) Vice Chair Michelle Steel and the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Representatives from the BOE, the Employment Development Department, the Franchise Tax Board, the Internal Revenue Service, the Small Business Development Center, and the Coastline Institute for Economic Development will be giving presentations and answering questions on a variety of topics including tax essentials for small businesses, keeping better records, loan programs and services, and small business marketing.

Event: Huntington Beach Small Business Tax Seminar

Date: Tuesday, October 2, 2012

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

Place: Old World German Restaurant and Banquet Facility
7561 Center Avenue
Huntington Beach, CA 92647
(Free Parking)

Register: www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/sbf.htm or call 888-847-9652

For more information: www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/pdf/HB_SBS_10-2-12_web.pdf

Other helpful in-person classes offered by BOE can be found online at www.boe.ca.gov/info/VirtualSeminars/seminars_inperson.htm.

The BOE also offers online seminars on a variety of topics at www.boe.ca.gov/info/VirtualSeminars/seminars_online.htm.

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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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