



State Board of Equalization

# News Release

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### Free Chula Vista Small Business Fair

**Sacramento** – Business owners, entrepreneurs, and individuals who would like to start a business are invited to attend a [free small business fair in Chula Vista](#) on Thursday, November 14, 2013. California State Board of Equalization (BOE) Vice Chair Michelle Steel, Assemblymember Shirley Weber, Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez, and the City of Chula Vista, are sponsoring this event.

Entrepreneurs and small business owners looking for assistance with state and federal tax laws, as well as those who want to expand their business knowledge, will benefit from presentations given by representatives from the BOE, the Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Small Business Administration, and the Small Business Development Center.

- Event:** Free Small Business Fair in Chula Vista
- Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2013
- Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
(Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.)
- Place:** City of Chula Vista Council Chambers  
276 Fourth Avenue  
Chula Vista, CA 91910

**Registration:** [www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/sbf.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/sbf.htm) or call 1-888-847-9652

Learn more about a variety of other BOE [in-person classes](#) and [online seminars](#).

**Editor’s note:** *The following PSAs (15-second audio) and (30-second audio) are available for your use.*

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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

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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](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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