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BOE Members Team Up to Help Small Businesses Succeed Strategies for Success the Goal of Free Pomona Seminar

Sacramento – California State Board of Equalization (BOE) Chairman Jerome E. Horton, Vice Chair Michelle Steel, and Board Member George Runner invite small business owners and other entrepreneurs to attend a free [Pomona Small Business Seminar](#) on Tuesday, March 26, 2013. Business owners seeking help with employment taxes, audit preparation, and compliance with state tax laws will have the opportunity to learn about these and other important business topics, and have their questions answered by experts.

Representatives from the BOE, the Employment Development Department, the Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, Small Business Administration, and the Small Business Development Center - L.A. Regional Network will present useful information and answer attendees' questions. This seminar is sponsored by Chairman Horton, Vice Chair Steel, Board Member Runner, and Assemblymember Norma J. Torres.

Event: Free Pomona Small Business Seminar

Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (check-in at 8:30 a.m.)

Place: California State Polytechnic University Pomona
Bronco Student Center, Building 35
3801 West Temple Avenue
Pomona, CA 91768 (\$5 parking, use Parking Lot G)

Registration: 1-888-847-9652 or [online](#)

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

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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's 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.

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.

Elected in November 2010, George Runner represents the State Board of Equalization's Second District. He is a leading advocate for California taxpayers. Runner has worked to improve California's tax policies and practices and to create and retain more private sector jobs in our state. Prior to his election to the Board, Runner served twelve years in the State Legislature, authoring the well-known California Amber Alert and California's Blue Alert. As a thoughtful conservative, his legislative priorities included improving the economy, business growth, education excellence, and public safety for all Californians. As a member of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, Runner consistently led the fight against tax increases and supported tax relief for families and businesses.

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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