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2013 Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearings in Sacramento May 22

Sacramento - Individuals and businesses with ideas or concerns about the administration and oversight of California's business and property taxes are invited to attend the Board of Equalization's (BOE) annual Taxpayers' Bill of Rights hearing in Sacramento on May 22, 2013, announced BOE Chairman Jerome E. Horton.

"California taxpayers deserve this chance for face-to-face interaction with their elected representatives," said Chairman Horton. "My Board colleagues and I are looking forward to hearing about the ideas and concerns of business and property owners about how we may improve the taxpayer experience."

In addition to safeguarding the rights, privacy, and property of taxpayers, Chairman Horton is interested in discussing ways to help taxpayers better understand California's tax laws.

The Taxpayers' Bill of Rights hearings begin at approximately 1:30 p.m. at the following location:

When: Wednesday, May 22, 2013

Where: Board of Equalization Headquarters Building
1st Floor Board Room 121
450 N Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Taxpayers interested in making a presentation at either the Business Taxpayers' or the Property Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearings are invited to contact the BOE Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office by calling toll-free 1-888-324-2798, or by email at www.boe.ca.gov/info/emailtra.htm.

Enacted in January 1989, the Harris-Katz California Taxpayers' Bill of Rights requires the BOE to ensure that the rights of California taxpayers are protected during the assessment and collection of sales and use taxes. The Taxpayers' Bill of Rights was expanded in 1993 to include special tax programs such as excise, fuel, and alcohol taxes, and the Morgan Property Taxpayers' Bill of Rights was added in 1994. The Board is required by law to conduct public Bill of Rights hearings annually.

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More information about the annual hearings: www.boe.ca.gov/meetings/heartra.htm.

Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office: www.boe.ca.gov/tra/tra.htm

Taxpayers' Rights Advocate's 2011-12 Annual Report: www.boe.ca.gov/tra/tra1112.pdf

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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 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 to 2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization 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 taxes 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 tax. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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