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1-916-327-8988**Free Small Business Tax Seminar in Pomona on October 9**

Sacramento – Business owners, entrepreneurs, and individuals who would like to start a business and learn how to comply with California’s often complex tax laws are invited to attend a [free small business tax seminar in Pomona](#) on Thursday, October 9, 2014.

California State Board of Equalization (BOE) Member George Runner and BOE Vice Chair Michelle Steel are sponsoring this event with Senator Norma Torres, Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez, Pomona Chamber of Commerce, City of Pomona, and the National Latina Businesswomen Association—Inland Empire.

“Small businesses are critical to the economic health of our state,” said Runner. “Our goal is to help business owners be successful by ensuring they understand California’s complicated tax laws.”

“California’s small businesses are the backbone of our state’s economy,” said Vice Chair Michelle Steel. “Our seminars help small businesses understand and comply with California’s business and tax regulations.”

Those 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, Small Business Development Center, and the Internal Revenue Service. Seminar topics include financial planning for small businesses, avoiding sales and use tax problems, forms of ownership, better business through better records, employee or independent contractor, and creating a winning business plan.

Event: Free Pomona Small Business Tax Seminar

Date: Thursday, October 9, 2014

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

Place: The Village at Indian Hill
1460 E. Holt Ave.
Pomona, CA 91767

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

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

Editor’s note: The following PSAs ([30-second audio](#)) and ([video](#)) are available for your use.

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.

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 \$56 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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