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Free Small Business Tax Seminar and Resource Expo in Ontario

Sacramento – Business owners, entrepreneurs, and individuals who would like to start a business are invited to attend a [free small business tax seminar in Ontario](#) on Friday, April 18, 2014. Attendees will learn how to comply with California’s confusing and complicated tax laws.

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, the City of Ontario, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and the Inland Empire Small Business Development Center.

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, Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, Small Business Administration, Inland Empire Small Business Development Center and the Internal Revenue Service. Seminar topics include marketing, sales and use tax basics, forms of ownership, better business through better records, employee or independent contractor, and loan programs and services.

Event: Free Ontario Small Business Tax Seminar and Resource Expo

Date: Friday, April 18, 2014

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

Place: Ontario Convention Center
2000 E Convention Center Way
Ontario, CA 91764

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

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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 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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