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BOE’s New Taxpayer Service Center Serves Expanding Santa Clarita Valley Business Community

Santa Clarita, California – Local business and community leaders joined Board Member George Runner and Board Chairman Jerome E. Horton to cut the ribbon today during the grand opening of the Board of Equalization’s newest Taxpayer Service Center, located at 25360 Magic Mountain Parkway, Suite 330 in Santa Clarita. This one-stop-shop serves business taxpayers in the Santa Clarita Valley and nearby communities.



Ribbon cutting celebrates grand opening of Santa Clarita Taxpayer Service Center.

Board Member George Runner, who represents Santa Clarita on the Board of Equalization, hosted the grand opening. “This taxpayer service center will connect business owners in this rapidly growing area with valuable resources to help them succeed and ideally grow their business to further improve our local economy,” said Runner.

The Taxpayer Service Center is expected to serve approximately 41,000 accounts. These account holders are business owners who operate clothing stores, restaurants, gasoline stations, and other retailers. In 2012, the City of Santa Clarita had more than \$2.7 billion in taxable sales, an increase of 6.3 percent from the previous year. Since 2011, the Santa Clarita Valley has gained 5,500 new jobs¹.



(From Left to Right): BOE employee Anthony Benning demonstrates kiosks to Santa Clarita Councilman Dante Acosta, small business owner Chris Fall, and State Senator Steve Knight.

The 22,005 square foot office features self-service computer kiosks that enable customers to conveniently register for a permit or license, file a return, and make a payment. The new facility provides free parking and easy freeway and transit access. Customers can contact our friendly staff at 1-661-222-6000 to make an appointment or discuss their account by telephone.

¹ *2014 Economic & Real Estate Outlook*, page 28, Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corporation & College of the Canyons.

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Also in attendance was Senator Steve Knight, Santa Clarita Mayor Laurene Weste, Santa Clarita Chamber of Commerce Chairman, Jim Backer, and National Federation of Independent Businesses/California Executive Director, John Kabateck.

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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.

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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