



State Board of Equalization

# News Release

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## **BILL LEONARD ANNOUNCES FREE TAX SEMINAR FOR MERCED NONPROFITS**

Bill Leonard, Member of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), along with Senator Jeff Denham, is sponsoring a free one-day tax seminar to assist nonprofit organizations in the Merced area.

Leonard encourages those involved with nonprofit and exempt organizations to attend and learn how tax laws and reporting requirements affect their operations. Topics will include property taxes, employment taxes, sales taxes, and other relevant tax laws.

Experts from the BOE, the Employment Development Department, the Franchise Tax Board, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Alliance for Justice will be on hand to assist attendees.

**Date:** Friday, April 13, 2007  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.)  
**Place:** Italo-American Lodge  
1351 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street  
Merced, CA 95341

Registration is available online at [www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/nonprofitsched.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/nonprofitsched.htm).

For more information, please call 916- 341-7389.

Bill Leonard, of Sacramento/Ontario, was re-elected as the Second District Member of the State Board of Equalization in November. Prior to his election, he served in the State Assembly (1978-1988, 1996-2002) and in the State Senate (1988-1996).

The five-member Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board collects nearly \$53 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 plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

Other Board Members include Chairwoman Betty T. Yee of San Francisco, First District; Michelle Steel of Rolling Hills Estates, Third District; Vice Chair Judy Chu, Fourth District; and State Controller John Chiang.

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