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**CHIANG & LEONARD ANNOUNCE FREE TAX SEMINAR
FOR SAN GABRIEL NONPROFIT AND EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS**

State Board of Equalization (BOE) Chair John Chiang and Board Member Bill Leonard are sponsoring a free one-day tax seminar in San Gabriel to assist local nonprofit and exempt organizations.

Those involved with nonprofit and exempt organizations are encouraged to attend and learn how tax laws and reporting requirements affect their operations. Topics will include property taxes, employment taxes, sales taxes, raffle laws and other relevant tax laws for nonprofit organizations.

Experts from the BOE, the Employment Development Department, the Franchise Tax Board, the Internal Revenue Service and the Attorney General's Office will be on hand to assist attendees.

Date: Thursday, May 11, 2006
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.)
Place: The Hilton Los Angeles/San Gabriel
Ballroom B2C
225 West Valley Boulevard
San Gabriel, CA 91776

Those wishing to attend may register online at <http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/nonprofitsched.htm>. For more information please call 213-593-1311.

First elected to the Board in 1998, Chiang represents the BOE's 4th District, which includes 73 cities in Los Angeles County and more than 8.5 million people.

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

The California State Board of Equalization collects almost \$50 billion annually in taxes and fees and serves as the enforcement agency for these revenues, which support 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 Betty T. Yee of San Francisco, Acting Member, First District; Claude Parrish of Long Beach, Third District; and State Controller Steve Westly.

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