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PARRISH ANNOUNCES INLAND EMPIRE SMALL BUSINESS FAIR

Claude Parrish, Vice Chairman of the State Board of Equalization (BOE), today announced that federal, state, and local government agencies will team up to present a free, one-day event offering tax assistance to small businesses in the Inland Empire.

Small business owners are encouraged to attend and bring their questions on tax laws and regulations. Representatives from the BOE, Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, and the Internal Revenue Service's Small Business Administration will be on-hand to assist attendees.

Date: Friday, June 17, 2005
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Place: Riverside Convention Center
3443 Orange St.
Riverside, CA 92501

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Parrish will deliver his opening remarks at 8:30 a.m. The event will include general information sessions and workshops tailored to suit the needs of the small business owner.

Topics to be presented include sales and use tax law, state and federal payroll tax reporting requirements, sales tax return preparation, business property statements, small businesses and state income taxes, business and financing basics, self-employment and social security, and IRS/EDD employment tax responsibilities.

For more information or to obtain a brochure, please call (951) 680-6705; or visit <http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/tpsched.htm>.

Claude Parrish, of Long Beach, was elected to his first term as Third District Board Member of the State Board of Equalization in 1998, and re-elected in 2002. In December 2004, Mr. Parrish was re-elected to serve as Vice Chairman, a position he has held for the past two years. He presided as Chair of the Board in 2001.

The five-member Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board collects more than \$44 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 Betty T. Yee of San Francisco, Acting Member, First District;

Bill Leonard of Sacramento/Ontario, Second District; Chairman John Chiang of Los Angeles, Fourth District and State Controller Steve Westly.

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