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**CHIANG SPONSORS SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES SMALL BUSINESS FAIR**

*Keynote Speaker Smokey Robinson will Address Small Business Owners*

John Chiang, Chairman of the State Board of Equalization (BOE), is presenting a free one-day event in Whittier to help small business owners in Southeast Los Angeles understand and comply with tax laws. Acclaimed recording star and songwriter Smokey Robinson, director of the Smokey Robinson Food Company, will serve as the event's keynote speaker.

Small business owners are encouraged to attend and bring their questions about tax laws and regulations. On hand to assist attendees will be representatives from the Board of Equalization, Franchise Tax Board, Employment Development Department, Internal Revenue Service, and Small Business Administration.

**Date:** Friday, September 29, 2006  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Radisson Hotel Whittier  
7320 Greenleaf Avenue  
Whittier, CA

Topics will include sales tax exemptions, successfully starting a business, recordkeeping (IRS), state income tax and small business.

For more information or to obtain an event brochure, please call (213) 593-1311; or visit the BOE website at <http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/tpsched.htm>.

Chairman John Chiang, of Los Angeles, was elected to his first term as Fourth District Member on the State Board of Equalization in 1998, and re-elected in 2002. He was named Chair of the Board in December 2004. He also presided as Chair in 2002.

The five-member Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board collects almost \$50 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; Claude Parrish of Long Beach, Third District; and State Controller Steve Westly.

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