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## **LEONARD SPONSORS SACRAMENTO SMALL BUSINESS FAIR**

Bill Leonard, Member of the State Board of Equalization (BOE), is presenting a free one-day event in Sacramento to help small business owners understand and comply with tax laws.

Leonard encourages small business owners 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 Office of the Attorney General.

**Date:** Tuesday, October 31, 2006  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Red Lion Hotel Sacramento  
1401 Arden Way  
Sacramento, CA 95815

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 (916) 341-7389; or visit the BOE website at <http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/tpsched.htm>.

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 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; Claude Parrish of Long Beach, Third District; Chairman John Chiang of Los Angeles, Fourth District; and State Controller Steve Westly.

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