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CHIANG ANNOUNCES SAN FERNANDO VALLEY SMALL BUSINESS FAIR

John Chiang, Chairman of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), today announced that the BOE's Van Nuys office and several federal, state, and local government agencies will team up to present a free, one-day event offering tax assistance to small businesses in the San Fernando Valley.

"This business fair helps small business owners learn how to save time and money when navigating the tax system," said Chair John Chiang. "The BOE can teach small business owners new ways to build wealth."

On hand to assist attendees will be representatives from the BOE, Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, and other local, state, and federal agencies.

Date: Thursday, November 3, 2005
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Place: Holiday Inn Burbank
150 E. Angeleno Ave.
Burbank, CA 91502

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The business fair will begin at 9:00 a.m. with opening remarks by Chair John Chiang, followed by Ms. Deborah Davis, President of Cleaner by Nature, Inc. The business fair will include general information sessions and workshops tailored to suit the needs of small businesses. Some classes will also be given in Spanish.

Topics will include sales and use tax return basics, state income tax and small business, construction contractors, recordkeeping (IRS), how to start a small business, and how to do business with government.

For more information or to obtain a brochure, please call (818) 901-5690; 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 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; Claude Parrish of Long Beach, Third District; and State Controller Steve Westly.

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