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HELP FOR NORWALK AREA SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

Are you a business owner who is feeling overwhelmed by tax laws and reporting requirements? Perhaps you're unsure if you can claim exemptions, or maybe you just need help recovering funds from a bad check someone passed on to you. Well, help is on the way. John Chiang, Member of the State Board of Equalization (BOE), announced today that several federal, state, and local government agencies will team up to offer a free, one-day tax fair to Norwalk area small businesses.

Here's your chance to attend a variety of free seminars and talk to the experts. Representatives of the BOE, Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, Small Business Development Center, as well as other local, state, and federal agencies, will be present to answer your questions. If you are a small business owner, you won't want to miss this opportunity.

Date: Friday, February 14, 2003
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Place: Rio Hondo College
Campus Inn – 3600 Workman Mill Road
Whittier, CA 90601

The small business fair will begin at 9:00 a.m. with opening remarks by Mr. Chiang, followed by keynote speaker Nelson Chan, Deputy Secretary, International Trade and Investment Division of the California Technology, Trade, and Commerce Agency. The fair will include general information sessions, as well as workshops tailored to suit the needs of the small business owner.

Topics to be presented include:

- Sales and Use Tax Preparation/Exemptions
- Record Keeping
- Bad Check Enforcement
- Home-Based Businesses
- State Income Tax and Small Business
- Resources for Business Success
- Know Your Rights: Problem Resolution
- Business Property Taxes

For more information or to obtain a brochure, please call (562) 466-1539; or visit the BOE website at www.boe.ca.gov and click on [Free Seminars](#) under the "Featured Links" column on the right-hand side of the home page.

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