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## **HELP FOR LONG BEACH/SOUTH BAY 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! Claude Parrish, Vice Chairman of the State Board of Equalization (BOE), and John Chiang, Fourth District Member of BOE, announced today that several federal, state, and local government agencies will team up to offer a free, one-day tax fair to Long Beach/South Bay 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, March 7, 2003

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Place:** Long Beach Convention Center  
100 South Pine Avenue  
Long Beach, CA 90802

The small business fair will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration. Opening remarks will be at 9:00 a.m. by Mr. Parrish who will be followed by Beverly O'Neill, Mayor, City of Long Beach. 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:

- Independent Contractor or Employer
- Preparing a Sales and Use Tax Return
- INS Requirements for Small Business
- How to Start Your Own Business
- Social Security Reporting
- Compliance with Federal Wage and Hour Laws

For more information or to obtain a brochure, please call (310) 516-4330; or visit the BOE website at [www.boe.ca.gov](http://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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