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CLAUDE PARRISH ANNOUNCES HELP FOR SAN DIEGO COUNTY 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 you're having trouble understanding your business property statement. Well, help is on the way. Claude Parrish, Vice Chairman, 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 San Diego County 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 making presentations and, as time allows, answer questions from participants. If you are a small business owner, you won't want to miss this opportunity.

Date: Friday, March 12, 2004
Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Place: Point Loma Nazarene University
3900 Lomaland Drive
San Diego, CA 92106-2800

The small business fair will begin at 9 a.m. with opening remarks by Mr. Parrish. The fair will include general information sessions, as well as workshops tailored to meet the needs of the small business owner.

Topics to be presented include:

- Employee or Independent Contractor
- All About the Sales and Use Tax Law
- Business Property Statement Filings
- State Income Tax and Small Business
- What Small Business Needs to Know About Social Security
- Small Business Resource Information
- Hiring Rules and Form I-9

For more information or to obtain a brochure, please call (760) 744-6284 or (619) 525-4550, or visit the BOE website at www.boe.ca.gov and click on [Free Seminars](#) under the "Meet with Us" column on the left-hand side of the home page.

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