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**FREE TAX HELP FOR LOS ANGELES 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, Fourth District Member of the State Board of Equalization, announced today that several federal, state, and local government agencies will team up to offer a free, one-day tax fair to Los Angeles 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 Administration, 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, May 16, 2003  
**Time:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Place:** West Los Angeles College  
4800 Freshman Drive  
Culver City, CA 90230

The small business fair will begin at 9 a.m. with opening remarks by Mr. Chiang followed by Mr. William Shine, Director, Los Angeles Urban League Ron Brown Business Center. 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:

- State and Federal Reporting and Depositing Requirements
- Preparing a Sales and Use Tax Return
- Home Based Business
- How to Start Your Own Business
- IRS Record Keeping
- Bad Check Restitution Program
- Financing Your Small Business

For more information or to obtain a brochure, please call (310) 342-1080; 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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