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**BOARD MEMBER CLAUDE PARRISH ANNOUNCES FREE TAX HELP
FOR ORANGE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS**

Claude Parrish, 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 for Orange County small businesses.

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.

Parrish said, "This is your opportunity to attend a variety of free workshops 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, September 17, 2004
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Place: California State University, Fullerton
800 North State College Blvd.
Fullerton, CA 92834

The small business fair will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration. Opening remarks will be by Mr. Parrish at 9:00 a.m. The fair will include general information sessions, as well as workshops tailored to suit the needs of the small business owner. There will be several workshops offered in Spanish.

Topics to be presented include:

- IRS/EDD State Payroll Tax Reporting Requirements
- Preparing a Sales and Use Tax Return
- Social Security Benefits & Small Business Owners
- Small Business and State Income Taxes
- Assessor's Business Property Statement
- Audits and Appeals
- Sales and Use Tax for Construction Contractors

For more information or to obtain a brochure, please call (949) 461-5732; or visit the BOE website at www.boe.ca.gov and click on Free Seminars under "Meet with Us" on the left-hand side of the home page.

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