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BOARD MEMBER JOHN CHIANG ANNOUNCES FREE TAX HELP FOR SAN FERNANDO VALLEY SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

John Chiang, Member of the State Board of Equalization (BOE), Fourth District announced today that several federal, state, and local government agencies will team up to offer a free, one-day tax fair to San Fernando Valley area 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 need help in finding ways to finance your business. Well, help is on the way.

Chiang 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: Thursday, October 28, 2004
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Place: Holiday Inn Burbank
150 E. Angeleno Ave.
Burbank, CA 91502

The small business fair will begin at 8:30 a.m. with opening remarks by Mr. Chiang. The fair will include general information sessions, as well as workshops tailored to suit the needs of the small business owner. Some classes will also be given in Spanish.

Topics to be presented include:

- State and Federal Reporting and Depositing Requirements (IRS/EDD)
- How to prepare a Sales and Use Tax Return
- Sales Tax for Construction Contractors
- Home Based Business (IRS)
- State Income Tax and Small Business
- Employee or Independent Contractor?
- How to Start a Small Business
- Record Keeping (IRS)
- Financing Your Small Business

For more information or to obtain a brochure, please call (818) 901-5690; 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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