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Hundreds Register for Runner's Next Fire Fee Telephone Townhall

SACRAMENTO – More than 400 California taxpayers have registered to participate in George Runner's next fire fee telephone townhall scheduled for Tuesday evening at 6 PM, adding to nearly 700 who joined last week's call.

During the tele-townhall, Runner and other participating elected officials, including State Senator Jim Nielsen, will discuss the latest fire "fee" news, including the pending lawsuit, and answer questions from callers.

"I'll be providing an update on the lawsuit, which cleared a significant legal hurdle last week," said Runner. "I'm also looking forward to answering more taxpayers questions about this confusing and controversial tax."

The call is primarily for taxpayers in Placer, Sierra, Nevada and Yuba counties, but others are welcome to join as well.

Members of the public who would still like to participate should call **(916) 324-4970** for further details.

Taxpayers who have pre-registered will receive a telephone call at the start of the event inviting them to connect to the townhall.

Tuesday's event is co-sponsored by State Senators Ted Gaines and Jim Nielsen and Assemblymembers Brian Dahle and Dan Logue. It is part of a series of regional townhalls Senator Runner is holding for taxpayers throughout his district.

Nearly 800,000 California property owners—about half of whom Runner represents—must pay the annual Fire Prevention Fee. The "fee" was enacted by the Legislature and signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown in 2011.

Elected in November 2010, George Runner represents more than nine million Californians as a member of the State Board of Equalization. Runner keeps taxpayers informed of the latest fire tax news and information at calfirefee.com.

Editor's Note: A 30-second Public Service Announcement (PSA) by George Runner is available as an [MP3 audio file](#).

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