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SENATOR GEORGE RUNNER ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR STATE TAX BOARD

SACRAMENTO – Sen. George Runner (R-Antelope Valley) today announced his 2010 bid for the second district seat on the California Board of Equalization.

“I will fight to protect taxpayers,” Runner said. “California’s hard-working families are already some of the highest taxed in the nation – they deserve a voice on California’s Tax Board.”

The steering committee includes elected officials, sheriffs, district attorneys and organizational leaders throughout the BOE district, including:

- Congressman Kevin McCarthy (R-Bakersfield), Chief Deputy Whip
- Senator Sam Aanestad (R-Grass Valley)
- Senator Bob Dutton (R-San Bernardino)
- Senator Tony Strickland (R-Camarillo)
- Assemblyman Curt Hagman (R-Chino Hills)
- Assemblywoman Audra Strickland (R-Camarillo)
- Assemblyman Cameron Smyth (R-Santa Clarita)
- Former Assemblywoman Sharon Runner (R-Lancaster)
- California Peace Officers Association President and Sacramento County Sheriff John McGinniss
- Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims
- Ventura County Sheriff Bob Brooks
- Stanislaus County Sheriff Adam Christianson
- Butte County Sheriff Perry Reniff
- Ventura County District Attorney Greg Totten
- Fresno County District Attorney Elizabeth Egan



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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

- Tulare County District Attorney Phil Cline
- San Bernardino County Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt
- San Bernardino County Supervisor Gary Ovitt
- Ventura County Supervisor Peter Foy
- Mike Reynolds, Fresno, author of California Three Strikes
- Frank Visco, Former Chair of the California Republican Party
- Stephen Frank, Ventura County, Republican Party Activist and Publisher of *California Political News and Reviews*.

Runner's political team includes:

- **Meridian Pacific:** With dozens of statewide campaigns under their belts, Tom Ross and Matt Rexroad, principals of Meridian Pacific, will serve as campaign strategists and communications consultants.
- **Fundraiser:** Michelle Matheson, with Aim-Point
- **Treasurer:** Kelly Lawler

The Board of Equalization collects California state sales and use tax, as well as fuel, alcohol and tobacco taxes and fees that provide funding for state and local government and special districts.

The second district is geographically the largest of the five BOE districts and includes portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Santa Barbara Counties, every Central Valley county, the Sierra foothill counties, and most of the North State counties. A map of the BOE 2nd district is found here:

www.boe.ca.gov/leonard/california_map.htm

George Runner authored California's Jessica's Law and Amber Alert Law, and has received numerous distinguished awards from law enforcement, business and taxpayer advocate groups. He represents California's 17th Senate District, which includes the High Desert of Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, Santa Clarita and sections of Ventura County.

Learn more at: www.GeorgeRunner.com