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## **Runner Raises Most/Spends Least in BOE Race** *Reports More Than Quarter Million Cash On Hand*

SACRAMENTO—Senator and Taxpayer Advocate George Runner (R-Antelope Valley) ended the first financial disclosure period of 2009 reporting \$250,872 cash on hand for his Board of Equalization campaign. In addition to a \$55,365 cash on hand advantage, Runner also only spent \$42,908, far less than his closest competitors in the race.

### Cash on hand numbers

Senator/Taxpayer Advocate George Runner	\$250,872
Former Assemblyman Alan Nakanishi	\$195,000
Senator Roy Ashburn	\$80,716
Former Assemblywoman Barbara Alby	\$75,220

“We are spending our time and resources wisely—raising money, gathering local and regional support and saving every penny until the time is right,” said Runner. “I am thrilled with the momentum we are seeing with fundraising and endorsements so early on in the campaign.”

In addition to a staggering fundraising advantage, Runner has secured some of the most effective Republican slate mailers. He has purchased those that focus on taxes and public safety that are likely to be mailed in the 2010 primary election.

Runner has been endorsed by a growing list of local conservative leaders from every corner of BOE District 2. The district encompasses all or portions of 37 counties that span from the California-Oregon border to San Bernardino County.

Runner currently represents a large southern portion of BOE District 2 in the State Senate. He is well known statewide for his work in implementing the successful Amber Alert system and passing Jessica’s Law in 2006. He resides in Lancaster with his wife, former Assemblywoman Sharon Runner.

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