

CALIFORNIA TAXPAYER ADVOCATES

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

Advocates

California Department of Tax and Fee Administration

Employment Development Department

Franchise Tax Board

Board of Equalization

Internal Revenue Service

Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development

Ombudsperson

Office of Tax Appeals



Common Taxpayer Advocate Responsibilities (CDTFA, FTB, EDD, BOE, IRS)

- Resolve problems when normal channels don't work
- Maintain independent status
- Provide independent review
- Protect taxpayers' rights
- Ensure the agency adheres to polices, procedures, and laws
- Identify trends and issues
- Identify inequities and propose law or policy changes
- Ensure courteous treatment of the public
- Determine whether to suspend collections while case is in review
- Encourage public suggestions
- Promote understandable and simple
 - Tax laws
 - Regulations
 - Policies
 - Procedures
 - Publications

California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) 1-888-324-2798

TYPE OF HELP

- Sales and Use Taxes
- Special Taxes and Fees

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

- CDTFA—Advocate www.cdtfa.ca.gov/tra
- CDTFA—General www.cdtfa.ca.gov

TELEPHONE OR FAX

 Advocate Office 1-888-324-2798

Fax 1-916-323-3319

 CDTFA Customer Service 1-800-400-7115 (CRS:711)

SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO

- Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office MIC:70 PO Box 942879 Sacramento, CA 94279-0070
- California Department of Tax and Fee Administration PO Box 942879 Sacramento, CA 94279-0001

Employment Development Department (EDD) 1-866-594-4177

TYPE OF HELP

- Employment Taxes
- Unemployment Insurance
- Employment Training Tax
- State Disability Insurance
- State Personal Income Tax Withholding

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

- EDD—Advocate www.edd.ca.gov/Payroll_Taxes/Taxpayer_Advocate.htm
- EDD—General www.edd.ca.gov

TELEPHONE OR FAX

 Advocate Office 1-866-594-4177

Fax

1-916-654-6969

EDD Customer Service 1-888-745-3886

SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO

 Taxpayer Advocate Office PO Box 826880, MIC:93 Sacramento, CA 94280-0001

Franchise Tax Board (FTB) 1-800-883-5910

TYPE OF HELP

- Personal Income Taxes
- Franchise Taxes
- Bank Taxes
- Corporation Taxes

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

- FTB—Advocate
 www.ftb.ca.gov/help/disagree-or-resolve-an-issue/
 taxpayer-advocate-services.html
- FTB—General www.ftb.ca.gov

TELEPHONE OR FAX

Advocate Hotline 1-800-883-5910

Fax

1-916-843-6022

FTB Customer Service 1-800-852-5711

SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO

- Executive and Advocate Services MS A381 PO Box 157 Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-0157
- Franchise Tax Board
 PO Box 942840
 Sacramento, CA 94240-0040

California State Board of Equalization (BOE) 1-916-327-2217

TYPE OF HELP

- Property Taxes
- Alcoholic Beverage Tax
- Tax on Insurers

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

- BOE—Advocate www.boe.ca.gov/tra/
- BOE—General www.boe.ca.gov

TELEPHONE

Advocate Office
 1-916-327-2217

SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO

 Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office, MIC:120 PO Box 942879 Sacramento, CA 94279-0120

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Internal Revenue Service (IRS) 1-877-777-4778

TYPE OF HELP

- Income Taxes
- Employment Taxes
- Corporate Taxes
- Estate Taxes
- Nonprofit and Charitable Organization Taxes

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

- IRS—Advocate www.irs.gov/advocate
- IRS—General www.irs.gov

SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO

 Please call the local office nearest you or visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov/advocate for locations in California.

TELEPHONE OR FAX

 National Taxpayer Advocate 1-877-777-4778

CONTACT US

- Fresno
 - 1-559-442-6400 Fax 1-855-820-7112
- Los Angeles
- 1-213-576-3140 Fax 1-213-372-4769 eFax 1-855-820-5133
- Sacramento
 - 1-916-974-5007 Fax 1-855-820-7110
- San Jose 1-408-283-1500 Fax 1-855-820-7109

- Laguna Niguel

 1-949-389-4804
 - 1-855-819-5026
- Oakland
 - 1-510-907-5269 Fax 1-855-820-5137
- San Diego
 - 1-619-744-7156 Fax 1-855-796-9578
- IRS Customer Service 1-800-829-1040

Small Business Advocate Responsibilities (GO-Biz)

- Work with state policymakers on issues facing small businesses
- Coordinate educational events on wide-ranging topics important to small businesses
- Promote information sharing and coordinate outreach efforts among state agencies
- Provide or locate assistance to resolve issues such as permits or starting a business

Office of Tax Appeals (OTA) Ombudsperson Responsibilities

- Act as an intermediary between the taxpayer and the OTA regarding policies and procedures
- Educate taxpayers on how the appeals process works
- Serve as a reference point to get a taxpayer connected to the correct resource

Governor's Office of Business and *Economic Development* (GO-Biz) 1-916-322-0694

TYPE OF HELP

- Business Development
- Permit Streamlining
- Small Business Assistance
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- International Affairs and Business Development

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

 Small Business Advocate www.business.ca.gov www.businessportal.ca.gov

TELEPHONE OR FAX

 Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development 1-916-322-0694 1-877-345-4633

SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO

 Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development 1325 J Street, Suite 1800 Sacramento, CA 95814

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Office of Tax Appeals (OTA) 1-916-806-4355

TYPE OF HELP

- Navigate the personal income tax appeals process
- Navigate the corporate tax appeals process
- Navigate the business tax appeals process

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.ota.ca.gov

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info@ota.ca.gov

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Ombudsperson 1-916-206-4355

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Office of Tax Appeals
 PO Box 989880
 West Sacramento, CA 95798-9880

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California Tax Service Center www.taxes.ca.gov

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www.cdtfa.ca.gov/formspubs/form-search.aspx or by telephone at 1-800-400-7115 (CRS:711).



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