

**A RENOWNED FIGHTER FOR LOW TAXES, QUALITY SCHOOLS AND A BETTER BUSINESS CLIMATE WILL ADDRESS LOCAL BUSINESS GROUP MONDAY, JANUARY 11th**

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA Jan. 5 Bill Leonard, a member of the Board of Equalization, will address the Inland Valley Business Alliance's Ultimate Business Connection Monday, January 11th at 11:30 a.m., at Antonino's Ristorante Italiano in Rancho Cucamonga. The Board of Equalization is California's elected tax board and oversees the state's sales and use taxes.

Well known in the Inland Valley for his 24-years of service in the State Legislature, Bill Leonard will speak about the state's business climate and budget, as well as tax laws that affect area businesses.

Mr. Leonard was first elected to the State Assembly in 1978 running as a Prop. 13 tax cut advocate. In 1988 he was elected to the Senate where he served in leadership and authored a tough anti-drunk driving bill. He returned to the State Assembly in 1996 and served as Republican Leader. During all that time, he became well known as a fighter for low taxes, quality schools and a better business climate.

Bill Leonard was elected to serve on the Board of Equalization in 2002 and was re-elected in 2006. His 2nd District includes 34 of the state's counties from San Bernardino north to the Oregon border, including the Central Valley and metropolitan Sacramento area, as well as his hometown in San Bernardino County. He has fought for justice for taxpayers, and has advocated for taxpayer rights and public accountability. In addition, Bill has spearheaded a pro bono assistance program to provide advice to individual taxpayers appearing before the Board.

The Inland Valley Business Alliance is a non-partisan group of business owners from Claremont on the west to Redlands in the east who are taking an active role in current political issues. The group meets for lunch at Antonino's on the second and fourth Mondays at 11:30 A.M. The restaurant is located in the northeast corner of the Thomas Winery Plaza located at the corner of Foothill Blvd., and Vineyard Ave., Rancho Cucamonga. Cost for the luncheon is \$15 and reservations can be made on line at [www.ivbusiness.org](http://www.ivbusiness.org) or call 909-477-6623. Visitors are welcome.

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