



California State Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA

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State Treasurer Fiona Ma to Hold Small Business Fair in San Francisco on May 17

Topics include access to capital, assistance with business plans, CalSavers Retirement Savings Program

San Francisco - State Treasurer Fiona Ma announced today that she is joining with State Senator Scott Weiner and State Assemblymember David Chiu to sponsor a free Small Business Fair in San Francisco on Friday, May 17, beginning at 10 a.m.

“State, local, and federal agencies offer lots of information and assistance to small business owners, but it can be confusing and frustrating trying to find what help is available and where to find it,” said Treasurer Ma. “That’s why I am so pleased to offer this seminar. It provides one-stop shopping for small business owners.”

Small business owners can learn how to gain access to capital, receive assistance with business plans, discover new resources, and get one-on-one time with representatives of government agencies. They can also learn how to comply with the new [CalSavers Retirement Savings Program](#).

“Small business are vital to our economy and culture in San Francisco,” said Assemblymember David Chiu. “We invite all small business owners and entrepreneurs to come learn about resources available to help them succeed and thrive in our city.”

More than 20 agencies, non-profits, and companies have been invited to attend, including [California Capital Access Program](#) (CalCap) which encourages banks and other financial institutions to make loans to small businesses that have difficulty obtaining financing. [ScholarShare 529](#) college savings plan will also be there to discuss its workplace savings plan and the upcoming 529 College Savings Day promotion.

“Small businesses provide and create good jobs for our local residents and add vibrancy and diversity to our city,” said Senator Scott Wiener. “Thank you to all program providers for being part of this event, and for continuing to help our small businesses thrive.”

San Francisco Small Business Commissioner Irene Riley, who will speak at the event, said it offers a “great opportunity to meet Treasurer Fiona Ma, Senator Weiner and Assemblyman Chiu and their teams and learn about different ways of accessing capital.”

WHO: Treasurer Fiona Ma, State Senator Scott Weiner, Assemblymember David Chiu, San Francisco Small Business Commissioner Irene Riley.

DATE: Friday, May 17, 2019

TIME: 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Earl Warren State Building, 455 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, Basement Level, Milton Marks Auditorium. Snacks and beverages provided.

RSVP: Register online at <http://bit.ly/SFBizFair2019>.

MORE INFORMATION: <https://www.facebook.com/events/834294480267761/>

Fiona Ma is California’s 34th State Treasurer. She was elected on November 6, 2018 with more votes (7,825,587) than any other candidate for treasurer in the state’s history. She is the first woman of color and the first woman Certified Public Accountant (CPA) elected to the position. The State Treasurer’s Office was created in the California Constitution in 1849. It provides financing for schools, roads, housing, recycling and waste management, hospitals, public facilities, and other crucial infrastructure projects that better the lives of residents. California is the world’s fifth-largest economy and Treasurer Ma is the state’s primary banker. Her office processes more than \$2 trillion in payments within a typical year. She provides transparency and oversight for the government’s investment portfolio and accounts, as well as for the state’s surplus funds. Treasurer Ma oversees an investment portfolio of more than \$102 billion, approximately \$20 billion of which are local government funds. She is responsible for \$82 billion in outstanding general obligation and lease revenue bonds of the state.

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