



California State Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA

# News Advisory

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## State Treasurer Fiona Ma to Hold Free Small Business Workshop in Long Beach Thursday, Oct.17

**LONG BEACH** – California State Treasurer Fiona Ma and Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia will host a free small business workshop on Thursday, Oct.17, in Long Beach. The City of Long Beach will present on local resources available for small business owners.

“Small businesses are the heart of California’s economy,” said Treasurer Ma. “I am focused on helping local businesses prosper and introducing them through workshops like this one.”

The following agencies will be on hand offering information: [The California Capital Access Program](#), [California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority](#), [CalSavers](#), [Small Business Majority](#), and the [Long Beach Economic Development Department](#).

**WHO:** California State Treasurer Fiona Ma and Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia

**WHAT:** Free Small Business Workshop

**WHERE:** Studio One Eleven, 245 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Long Beach, CA 90802

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 17, 2019 from 9:30 am – 12 pm

**RSVP:** <http://bit.ly/LBSmallBiz2019>

**PUBLIC PARKING:** 51 East 3rd Street, Long Beach, CA 90802 (2 hours free) **LIVESTREAM:**

<https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaSTO/>

*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 915 Capitol Mall, Room 110 | Sacramento, Calif. 95814 | p 916.653.2995 | f 916.653.3125 | [www.treasurer.ca.gov](http://www.treasurer.ca.gov)*

*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 \$90 billion, more than \$23 billion of which are local government funds. She serves as agent for sale for all State bonds, and is trustee on outstanding debt that is also estimated to be more than \$90 billion.*

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