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Chiang Provides Free Tax Help in Sacramento

SACRAMENTO – State Controller John Chiang today announced that staff in his Sacramento office will provide free income tax assistance to low- and moderate-income taxpayers through the course of the 2008 filing season. Appointments can be made starting Monday, February 4.

“I want to make sure that taxpayers have the help they need to get through the filing season,” said Chiang. “By providing direct assistance, we help working individuals and families get the tax credits and refunds they deserve.”

The Internal Revenue Service estimates that nearly 460,000 low-income families in California missed out on \$850 million in tax credits under the federal Earned Income Tax Credit program in 2006. The credit currently refunds up to \$4,716 dollars for working families that earn less than \$39,783 a year.

Local taxpayers can receive free help from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Controller’s Office at 300 Capitol Mall. Please call (916) 445-2636 to schedule an appointment.

The Controller’s Los Angeles Office has provided free tax assistance since mid-January. Appointments can be made with that office by calling (213) 833-6010.

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