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California Legislature

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Dear Friends,

Please volunteer to help working families receive all of their eligible tax credits from the State and Federal governments including the federal earned income tax credit (EITC). Every tax season, many families do not claim EITC because they cannot afford to pay a tax preparer. In fact, 4.1 million dollars in EITC was left unclaimed by eligible Yolo County residents last year.

This year, families may receive up to $5,751 in EITC based on their filing status and family size. I invite you to help us provide this vital service and return crucial resources to our community.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program depends upon community support to offer free tax preparation services to families earning less than $49,000 a year. Volunteers receive 24-hours of free IRS training to learn the valuable skill set of preparing tax returns and become certified tax preparers after testing.

If you would like to help, gain new job skills, have accounting experience or speak Spanish, Russian, Urdu, Mien, or Hmong, please complete the attached volunteer form and fax it to Erica Rodriguez at (707) 455-0490.

Please do not hesitate to call me at (707) 455-8025 if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

MARIKO YAMADA
Assemblymember, 8th AD

P.S. You can help stimulate our economy by becoming a VITA volunteer.

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VITA TRAINING SESSIONS
Arthur F. Turner Community Library
1212 Merkley Avenue
West Sacramento, CA 95691-2710

Saturday, October 29, 2011	9:00AM-4:00PM
Saturday, November 5, 2011	9:00AM-4:00PM
Saturday, November 12, 2011	9:00AM-4:00PM
Saturday, November 19, 2011	9:00AM-4:00PM

Attendance at all four trainings is **mandatory** for VITA volunteer tax preparers. Additional volunteer opportunities are available and do not require attendance at the trainings.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Language Proficiency: _____

PLEASE CHECK ALL VOLUNTEER POSITIONS THAT MAY INTEREST YOU:

- ❒ Event Opener (Helps Set-Up Event Site)
- ❒ Screener/Greeter (Meets/Greets/Registers Workshop Clients)
- ❒ Tax Preparer (No Experience Required-Training Provided)
- ❒ Quality Reviewer (Tax Professionals and Experienced Volunteers)
- ❒ Volunteer Interpreter (No Experience Required)
- ❒ Event Closer (Helps Break-Down Event Site)

Can you help connect us with your company, church, or civic organization to recruit more volunteers? ____ yes ____ no

Can you help connect us with your company, church, or civic organization to share information about the VITA program? ____ yes ____ no

Note: If you answered yes to either or both of the above questions, a member of Assemblymember Yamada's staff will follow up with you to discuss further.

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED FORM BY FAX OR EMAIL TO:
Erica Rodriguez at (707) 455-0490 or erica.rodriguez@asm.ca.gov.
For further questions, please call Assemblymember Yamada's office at (707) 455-8025.