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STATE BARBERING AND COSMETOLOGY BOARD TO HOLD WORKERS' RIGHTS TOWN HALLS IN NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The California Board of Barbering and Cosmetology will hold two public town hall events to educate its licensees on workers' rights and responsibilities.

The dates and locations are:

Southern California

October 24, 2017
Bellus Academy
13266 Poway Road
Poway, CA 92064
9 a.m. – noon

Northern California

November 6, 2017
Department of Consumer Affairs
1747 North Market Blvd.
HQ2 Hearing Room 186, 1st Floor
Sacramento, CA 95834
9 a.m. – noon

“The purpose of workers’ rights is to ensure that all employees are treated lawfully, paid a minimum wage, and not subjected to any form of harassment within the workplace,” said board Executive Officer Kristy Underwood. “The board’s mission is to ensure the health and safety of California consumers by promoting ethical standards and enforcing the laws of the barbering and beauty industry, so we are casting the information net far and wide.” Spanish and Vietnamese interpreters will be provided during question and answer sessions. The event will also be filmed for later viewing on the board’s website.

The events dovetail the board’s statewide media campaign, “CASafeSalon” (#CASafeSalon), which educates the public and licensees about salon safety and infection control. The board will provide an overview of the campaign and introduce its publication, “Know Your Workers’ Rights,” and explain where workers can access additional information.

Other topics include understanding your worker classification and appropriately informing and paying your employees, presented by the California Department of Industrial Relations Labor

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Commissioner's Office along with the California Employment Development Department. The Department of Industrial Relations Division of Occupational Safety and Health will discuss how to create a safe and healthy workplace. An all-panelist discussion will cover the top five things establishment owners need to know to stay in compliance with the labor laws.

The town hall agendas are attached. For more information, visit www.barbercosmo.ca.gov.

The Board of Barbering and Cosmetology regulates individuals (i.e. cosmetologists, barbers, manicurists, estheticians, electrologists, and apprentices) who provide services as well as the establishments where these services are performed. The board also provides education to consumers and licensees on the potential dangers that face consumers while receiving these services. Learn more at www.barbercosmo.ca.gov/.

The Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) promotes and protects the interests of California consumers while ensuring a competent and fair marketplace. DCA helps consumers learn how to protect themselves from unscrupulous and unqualified individuals. The department also protects professionals (licensees) from unfair competition by unlicensed practitioners. Consumers can file complaints against licensees online at www.dca.ca.gov or by contacting DCA at (800) 952-5210.

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