Starting a New Business Checklist:

1. Prepare and Plan (do market research and create an outline of your business)
2. Secure Financing (if necessary)
3. Choose an Entity Type (e.g., LLC, Corporation, LP, LLP, GP, or Sole Proprietorship) and Business Name
4. Register Your Business with the Secretary of State (LLC, Corporation, LP, LLP or GP)
5. Register a Fictitious Business Name (if necessary)
6. Choose a location and check local zoning regulations
7. Obtain specialty licenses and permits (if necessary)
8. Employer Responsibilities (if necessary: EIN Number, workers’ compensation, etc.)
9. Tax Information (FTB, CDTFA, EDD, IRS, BOE)
10. Ongoing Secretary of State Filing Requirements (Statements of Information)