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SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION: STATE OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 1186**

This is to notify you that with the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 1186 (Disability Access) on September 19, 2012, the County will be required to impose a surcharge of $1.00 on new Business License applications and Business License renewals beginning January 1, 2013, and continuing through December 31, 2018. The funds generated from this surcharge are to be used to educate business owners about mandated disability access requirements.

County Counsel has reviewed SB 1186 and opined that the statute directly authorizes the County to collect the $1.00 surcharge, without amending Title VII (Business License) of the County Code. As the administrator of the Business License program, the Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC) will collect this surcharge and deposit collections into a trust account, established by the Auditor-Controller. The Department of Public Works – Building and Safety (DPW) will manage the trust account, oversee the program, and report to the State. Seventy percent of the collections are to be used to increase Certified Access Specialist Services, educate the public, and monitor compliance of Disability Access regulations in accordance with SB 1186 requirements; the remaining collections are to be remitted to the State.

The TTC currently contracts with five cities to administer their Business License Programs. Four of these cities maintain their own Public Works - Building and Safety

Divisions: Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Malibu, and Santa Clarita. Because these cities have jurisdiction over their own Certified Access Specialists, we will work with the Auditor-Controller to disburse collections directly to these cities, and these cities will be responsible for compliance with SB 1186.

This month, the TTC will send a notification letter to all 8,800 current Business License holders explaining this surcharge and providing information on the requirements of providing mandated disability access. Starting January 2, 2013, a statement will be added to both the Business License renewal billings and new licenses indicating that the balance due includes this surcharge, and an insert explaining how to obtain additional information about requirements for providing access in compliance with SB 1186 requirements.

As a result of this mailing, your office may experience increased inquiries. If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Kathy Gloster, Assistant Treasurer and Tax Collector, at (213) 974-2077. For questions regarding the implementation of the program, contact Roy Itani with Department of Public Works at (323) 820-6500.

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