



# NEWS

## *Acting Treasurer and Tax Collector* Keith Knox

437 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **LOS ANGELES COUNTY TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR NOTIFIES PROPERTY OWNERS OF DEFAULTED PRIOR YEAR TAXES**

Si desea obtener información adicional sobre este aviso o si necesita la información traducida en español, por favor llame al 1(213) 974-2111 entre las 8:00 a.m. y 5:00 p.m. Tiempo Pacífico, de lunes a viernes, excluyendo los días festivos del Condado de Los Ángeles.

**KEITH KNOX**, Acting Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector, is in the process of mailing approximately 73,000 Statements of Prior Year Taxes with the attached Special Notice to Los Angeles County property owners. The statement alerts property owners that they have unpaid secured property taxes for prior year(s) and their property may become Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell. If residential or agricultural property remains tax defaulted for more than five years or vacant residential lots or commercial property for more than three years, we will sell the property at a public auction in accordance with State law. The notice provides important information regarding payment options, and the Department's office locations and office hours.

"As a result of this mailing, property owners may find it difficult to reach us on the telephone," Mr. Knox advised. "Property owners may obtain answers to the great majority of their questions, including but not limited to requesting a copy of a property tax bill, obtaining the amount due on any parcel, or reviewing the tax payment history for the past three fiscal tax years from the Los Angeles County Property Tax Portal at [propertytax.lacounty.gov](http://propertytax.lacounty.gov). Taxpayers may also call the toll-free Property Tax Information Line at 1(888) 807-2111, where automated information is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week."

Taxpayers can subscribe to receive property tax related emails from the Treasurer and Tax Collector regarding special notices and upcoming events, such as annual property tax deadline reminders, office location updates and other news. To subscribe, taxpayers may go to Email Notification Service at [public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CALACOUNTY/subscriber/new](http://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CALACOUNTY/subscriber/new).

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**KEITH KNOX**

ACTING TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

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## **SPECIAL NOTICE**

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You are receiving the enclosed tax statement because our records show that there are unpaid taxes on this property, which may subsequently result in the property being sold at a public auction. Unpaid secured property taxes are subject to penalties at the rate of 1.5 percent per month until paid in full. If you are not the owner of this property, we are sending you this notice at the request of the owner under our Third Party Notification Program.

### **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

**INSTALLMENT PLAN OPTION FOR DEFAULTED TAXES FROM A PRIOR YEAR** – You may be eligible to open an Installment Plan of Redemption and pay the defaulted taxes over a five-year period for vacant residential lots or commercial properties that are less than three years in default, and residential or agricultural properties that are less than five years in default. The opening of the plan will prevent the properties from being sold at a public auction. For more information, visit our website at [ttc.lacounty.gov/Proptax/docs/Five-Pay\\_Plan Application.pdf](http://ttc.lacounty.gov/Proptax/docs/Five-Pay_Plan_Application.pdf).

**MILITARY ACTIVE DUTY EXEMPTIONS** – Under provisions of the Federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, active military personnel, regardless of the duration of military service or financial status, qualify for a reduction in the interest charged on unpaid property taxes. For more information, visit our website at [ttc.lacounty.gov/Proptax/docs/MILITARY TAX RELIEF APPLICATION.pdf](http://ttc.lacounty.gov/Proptax/docs/MILITARY_TAX_RELIEF_APPLICATION.pdf).

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**VOLUNTARY THIRD PARTY NOTIFICATION PROGRAM** – In the event your property becomes tax defaulted and/or Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell, you can designate a Third Party (e.g., a friend, family member, or agency) to receive copies of the default notices so they can remind you of your property tax obligation. To subscribe, go to [ttc.lacounty.gov/Proptax/ThirdPartyReminderNotification.htm](http://ttc.lacounty.gov/Proptax/ThirdPartyReminderNotification.htm).

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## **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

**PARTIAL PAYMENTS** – We recommend you pay the total amount due. However, if you are unable to do so, we accept partial payments, which reduce the amount of penalties imposed.

**PAY ONLINE** – To make payments online, go to [propertytax.lacounty.gov](http://propertytax.lacounty.gov) and select “Pay Property Taxes.” You can make online payments 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

There is no cost to you for electronic check (eCheck) payments. The enclosed tax statement contains your Assessor’s Identification Number (AIN) and Personal Identification Number (PIN), which you will need to complete the transaction. Each eCheck transaction is limited to \$999,999.99.

When paying by eCheck, your bank account must be Automated Clearing House (ACH)-enabled, meaning the transaction can settle through the ACH Network. If your bank account has a debit block to prevent unauthorized organizations from debiting your account via ACH, you must notify your bank to authorize ACH debits from Los Angeles County with a debit filter with the Company Identification Number of 0000079161. Los Angeles County updated its Company Identification Number in September 2018, so you must update this Company Identification Number if you previously had a debit filter on your bank account.

You may also pay online by using major credit cards or debit cards. Each online credit/debit card transaction is limited to \$99,999.99, including a cost of 2.25 percent of the transaction amount.

**BY MAIL** – Please use the enclosed envelope and include the payment stub from the tax statement. Do not attach staples, clips, tape, or correspondence. You must mail property tax payments to the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector, Post Office Box 54088, Los Angeles, CA 90054-0088. You should not mail your payments to any other address.

**PAY IN PERSON** – We accept cash, check, money order, cashier’s check, and major credit cards and debit cards at 225 North Hill Street, First Floor Lobby, Los Angeles, CA 90012, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday through Friday, excluding Los Angeles County holidays. Each credit/debit card transaction is limited to \$75,000.00, including a cost of 2.25 percent of the transaction amount.

## **HOW TO CONTACT OUR OFFICE**

Website: [propertytax.lacounty.gov](http://propertytax.lacounty.gov)

Email us: [info@ttc.lacounty.gov](mailto:info@ttc.lacounty.gov)

Write us: Treasurer and Tax Collector, P.O. Box 512102, Los Angeles, CA 90051-0102

Visit us: 225 North Hill Street, First Floor Lobby, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Call us: 1(888) 807-2111, our toll-free Property Tax Information Line where automated information is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Anyone who is hearing impaired and has TDD equipment may leave a message at 1(213) 974-2196, or use California Relay Services at 1(800) 735-2929.

Fax us: 1(213) 620-7948

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