



NEWS

Treasurer and Tax Collector Keith Knox

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector Mails Notices of Payment(s) Due

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, Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector mailed approximately 137,000 Payment Activity Notices to Los Angeles County property owners. The notices alert property owners that the Department's records reflect no payment, a partial payment, or a late payment on the first installment of their property taxes for the current tax year 2020-21. The notices include the attached insert which provides important information regarding Penalty Cancellation Requests and payment options, as our offices remain closed to the public during this COVID-19 pandemic. "Property owners who were unable to pay their property taxes on time for reasons related to COVID-19 may submit a Penalty Cancellation Request online at ttc.lacounty.gov," Mr. Knox advised.

Mr. Knox further said, "As a result of this mailing, property owners may find it difficult to reach us on the telephone. They may obtain answers to the great majority of their questions, including how to request a copy of a property tax bill, obtain the amount due on any parcel, or find the tax payment history for the past three fiscal tax years on the Los Angeles County Property Tax Portal at propertytax.lacounty.gov. Property owners 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."

Property owners 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 ttc.lacounty.gov/eNotify.

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**KEITH KNOX
TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
P.O. BOX 512102, LOS ANGELES, CA 90051-0102**

PAYMENT ACTIVITY NOTICE

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This Payment Activity Notice is to alert you that our records reflect a penalty was imposed on the 1st installment of your property tax bill. The penalty was imposed for one or more of the following reasons: no payment was received, a partial payment was received, or your 1st installment payment was received after the delinquency date. To avoid any additional penalties and/or cost, remit your payment by the April 10, 2021 delinquency date on the tax notice. Since April 10 falls on a Saturday, the delinquency date is extended to Monday, April 12, 2021.

Property owners who were unable to pay their property taxes on time for reasons related to COVID-19 may submit a Penalty Cancellation Request online on our website at ttc.lacounty.gov after the delinquency date (i.e., December 10, 2020 and/or April 12, 2021).

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 and select “Pay Property Taxes Online.” You can make online payments 24 hours a day, 7 days a week up to 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on the delinquency date.

There is no cost to you for electronic check (eCheck) payments. The enclosed tax notice 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.

You may view a step-by-step video on how to make an eCheck payment at ttc.lacounty.gov/pay-secured-property-taxes-online. The video is available in multiple languages.

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, currently 2.22 percent of the transaction amount.

PAY BY CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD OVER THE TELEPHONE – We accept major credit card and debit card payments over the telephone. To pay by telephone, call toll-free 1(888) 473-0835. The enclosed tax notice contains your Assessor’s Identification Number (AIN), Year, and Sequence, which you will need to complete the transaction. Each credit/debit card transaction is limited to \$99,999.99, including a cost, currently 2.22 percent of the transaction amount.

BY MAIL – Please use the enclosed envelope and include the payment stub from the tax notice. If paying both installments, please include both payment stubs. 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 54018, Los Angeles, CA 90054-0018. Do not mail your payments to any other address. Property tax payments must be received or United States Postal Service (USPS) postmarked by the delinquency date to avoid penalties. If we receive your payment after the delinquency date, with no postmark, the payment is late and we will impose

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penalties, in accordance with State law. We caution taxpayers who send their payments by mail that the USPS only postmarks certain mail depending on the type of postage used and may not postmark mail on the same day taxpayers deposit envelopes. To assist taxpayers in understanding how to avoid penalties that could result from postmark issues, we have compiled important information on how to “Avoid Penalties by Understanding Postmarks.” Visit our website at ttc.lacounty.gov/avoid-penalties-by-understanding-postmarks.

PAY IN PERSON – Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our offices are currently closed to the public. Please visit our website at ttc.lacounty.gov for up-to-date information related to in-person services.

ONLINE BANKING OR BILL PAYMENT SERVICES – We DO NOT recommend using these services to pay property taxes. The USPS does not postmark the envelopes these firms use to mail us the payment. In the absence of a postmark, we determine penalties based exclusively on the date we receive payment. For more information on how to “Avoid Penalties by Understanding Postmarks,” visit our website at ttc.lacounty.gov/avoid-penalties-by-understanding-postmarks.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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/property-tax-relief-for-military-personnel.

EMAIL NOTIFICATION SERVICE – You 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, go to Email Notification Service at ttc.lacounty.gov/eNotify.

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 that someone can remind you of your property tax obligation. To subscribe, go to ttc.lacounty.gov/third-party-property-tax-notification-program.

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 commercial properties or unimproved vacant residential lots 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/property-tax-installment-plans.

REQUIREMENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TAX AGENTS

Any person who is employed, is under contract, or otherwise receives compensation to communicate directly, or through agents, employees or subcontractors, with any County official for the purpose of influencing official action, is required to register as a Tax Agent pursuant to County Code 2.165 under the Tax Agent Registration Program. For more information, please visit the Assessment Appeals Board website at bos.lacounty.gov/Services/Assessment-Appeals/Tax-Agent-Registration. The listing of registered Tax Agents is accessible online at lacaab.lacounty.gov.

HOW TO OBTAIN GENERAL TAX INFORMATION

Website: propertytax.lacounty.gov

Email us: 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 – Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our offices are currently closed to the public. Please visit our website at ttc.lacounty.gov for up-to-date information related to in-person services.

Call us: 1(888) 807-2111 or 1(213) 974-2111, our 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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