

NEWS

Treasurer and Tax Collector Elizabeth Buenrostro Ginsberg

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector Mails Notices of Delinquent Current Year 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.

ELIZABETH BUENROSTRO GINSBERG, Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector, mailed Notices of Delinquency (Notices) to Los Angeles County property owners who have not paid their Annual and/or Supplemental Secured Property Taxes in full for 2023-24. The Notices include the attached insert which provides important information regarding payment options, the Department's office location, and office hours. The taxes are delinquent and will default on Monday, July 1, 2024. At that time, we will impose a \$15 redemption fee and additional penalties of 1.5 percent per month on the defaulted taxes.

We caution property owners that if residential or agricultural property remains tax defaulted for more than five years or commercial property or unimproved vacant residential lots for more than three years, we will sell the property at a public auction in accordance with State law.

Mrs. Buenrostro Ginsberg advised, "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 in addition to viewing their 2023-24 Annual Secured Property Tax Bill, making online electronic check (eCheck) payments, or obtaining tax payment history for the past three fiscal tax years on the Los Angeles County Property Tax Portal at propertytax.lacounty.gov. A new eCheck video, with closed captions in English, Armenian, Chinese, Korean, or Spanish, is available at ttc.lacounty.gov/pay-vour-property-taxes. Property owners may also submit their inquiries at ttc.lacounty.gov/public-inquiries or 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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ELIZABETH BUENROSTRO GINSBERG TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES P.O. BOX 512102, LOS ANGELES, CA 90051-0102

NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY

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In accordance with California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 2621, the Notice of Delinquency reminds taxpayers that some or all of their Annual and/or Supplemental Secured Property Taxes are delinquent and will default on Monday, July 1, 2024. If payment is not received or United States Postal Service (USPS) postmarked by Sunday, June 30, 2024, on Monday, July 1, 2024, a \$15 redemption fee will be imposed and defaulted taxes will be subject to additional penalties of 1.5 percent per month.

Commercial property or unimproved vacant residential lots may be sold at public auction, if the property has been in a tax-defaulted status for more than three years. Residential and agricultural property may be sold at public auction, if the property has been in a tax-defaulted status for more than five years.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

PAYMENTS – We only accept U.S. currency drawn on U.S. based financial institutions.

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 <u>propertytax.lacounty.gov</u> and select "Pay Property Taxes Online." You can make online payments 24 hours a day, 7 days a week up until 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on Sunday, June 30, 2024.

PAY BY ELECTRONIC CHECK – There is no cost to you for electronic check (eCheck) payments, and you receive instant confirmation. The enclosed tax notice contains your Assessor's Identification Number (AIN), 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-your-property-taxes. 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.

PAY BY CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD ONLINE – 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 (minimum \$1.49 per transaction). **You will receive instant confirmation of your online payment.**

PAY BY CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD OVER THE TELEPHONE – We accept major credit and debit card payments over the telephone for current year taxes only. 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 (minimum \$1.49 per transaction).

PAY BY MAIL – Please use the enclosed envelope and include the payment stub from the tax notice. Do not mail cash or 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 USPS postmarked by Sunday, June 30, 2024. 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 – 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 in-person credit/debit card transaction is limited to \$75,000.00, including a cost, currently 2.22 percent of the transaction amount (minimum \$1.49 per transaction).

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.

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, may 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.

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 lacounty.gov.

NEED ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE?

Visit our Public Inquiries web page at ttc.lacounty.gov/public-inquiries for self-service options, to obtain answers to the great majority of your questions, or to submit an inquiry.

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

Call us: 1(888) 807-2111 or 1(213) 974-2111 - Our Property Tax Information Line has automated

information 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.