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From: Dick Larsen, San Bernardino County Treasurer-Tax Collector

TAX DEADLINE TOMORROW - PROPERTY OWNERS REMINDED TO PAY

As the source of funding for vital public services, Treasurer-Tax Collector Dick Larsen urges property owners to pay their property taxes by midnight on December 10th.

San Bernardino County, CA — San Bernardino County Treasurer-Tax Collector Dick Larsen is encouraging property owners to pay the first installment of their property taxes before midnight on Wednesday, using any one of a number of convenient payment options.

Payments can be made online at www.MyTaxCollector.com, 24-hours-a-day, Seven-days-a-week. Payments can also be made by telephone, by mail, or in person. To make a payment by phone, property owners can call (909) 387-8308. Internet payments can be made using a checking or savings account free of charge. Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover credit card payments are also accepted, but will include a 2% convenience fee charged by the credit card company.

Mailed payments must be postmarked on or before the deadline date, and sent to Dick Larsen, Treasurer-Tax Collector, 172 W. Third Street, San Bernardino, California, 92415. Payments in person can be made by cash, check, or money order at 172 W. Third Street, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

“Property taxes are crucial during times of economic uncertainty. They ensure funding for key public services that enhance the quality of life for our residents,” said Dick Larsen, San Bernardino County Treasurer-Tax Collector. “While we have done a fantastic job of maintaining the health of the County’s investment pool, the efficient and timely collection of property taxes is equally important.”

More than 760,000 annual secured tax bills were mailed to property owners in October. The first installment is due December 10th, and the second installment is due by April 10th. A 10% penalty and a \$10.00 late fee will be assessed to all property tax bills not paid by the deadline.

“This has been a very difficult year for many homeowners,” Larsen said. “We encourage property owners to do what they can to make their payments before the end of the day to prevent incurring additional charges.”

Once collected, property taxes dollars are distributed to the County, redevelopment agencies, cities, special districts and school districts. The tax dollars are used to fund many key public services and programs including new schools, police and fire protection, social services and public health.

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