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PROPERTY TAX DEADLINE APPROACHING - PROPERTY OWNERS REMINDED TO PAY

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

San Bernardino County, CA — San Bernardino County Assistant Treasurer-Tax Collector/Public Administrator Annette Kerber is encouraging property owners to pay the first installment of their property taxes before midnight on Thursday, December 10th.

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 and telephone 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 include a convenience fee charged by the credit card companies.

Mailed payments must be postmarked on or before December 10th, and sent to Annette Kerber, Assistant Treasurer-Tax Collector/Public Administrator, 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," Kerber said.

More than 766,000 annual secured tax bills were mailed to property owners this year. The first installment is delinquent after December 10th, and the second installment is delinquent after April 12th. A 10% penalty will be assessed to all first installments of property tax bills not paid by the deadline.

"This continues to be a very difficult year for many homeowners," Kerber said. "We encourage property owners to do what they can to make their payments before the end of the day on December 10th to prevent incurring penalties."

Once collected, property taxes dollars are distributed to the County, redevelopment agencies, cities, special districts, school districts and libraries.

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