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ENSEN MASON ANNOUNCES THE PROPERTY TAX POSTPONEMENT PROGRAM

San Bernardino, CA — San Bernardino County Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector (ATC) Ensen Mason announced today that the 2021-22 Property Tax Postponement Program (PTP) is available to qualifying taxpayers through the State Controller's Office (SCO). This loan program allows eligible homeowners, including low-income seniors and disabled individuals, to postpone the payment of their current-year property taxes on their primary residence at an interest rate of 5%.

"Low income seniors, the blind, and disabled residents of San Bernardino County deserve all the assistance we in government can provide," noted Mason. "Helping these residents remain in their own homes is a high priority for me, and I encourage all who qualify and are having difficulty paying their property taxes to sign up for this program as soon as possible. If my staff can help, please don't hesitate to contact them at (909) 387-8308."

Applications will be accepted from October 1, 2021, through February 10, 2022, and will be processed in the order they are received. To qualify, a homeowner must meet all the following criteria.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Be at least 62 years of age, or blind, or disabled;
- Own and occupy the property as his or her principal place of residence (floating homes, and house boats are not eligible);
- Have a total household income of \$45,810 or less;
- Have at least 40% equity in the property; and
- Not have a reverse mortgage on the property.

Postponed taxes and interest become due and payable when the homeowner moves from the property, sells or conveys title to the property, dies and does not have a spouse, registered domestic partner, or other qualified individual who continues to reside in the property, allows future property taxes or other senior liens to become delinquent, or refinances or obtains a reverse mortgage for the property.

Program participants must reapply each year and demonstrate they continue to meet eligibility requirements.

Funding for the program is limited. Applications will be available September 1 online at www.sco.ca.gov under the Public Services tab. For more information, please visit the SCO's website at www.sco.ca.gov. You may also contact the SCO by phone at (800) 952-5661 or by email at postponement@sco.ca.gov.

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