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County of Santa Clara Department of Tax and Collections Public Announcement About Property Tax Payments

With the Republican Tax Plan going through Congress, several Santa Clara County taxpayers have inquired about prepaying their 2018/2019 property tax bills in order to mitigate the potential impacts of the proposed tax plan.

Below is a clarification from the County of Santa Clara regarding property tax payments.

Payment of Property Tax Installment due April 10, 2018

The County of Santa Clara Department of Tax and Collections will accept the current year's 2nd Installment payment which is due on April 10, 2018. Property owners received this property tax statement in October.

Any overpayment received in excess of the current year's 1st and 2nd installments will be refunded to the taxpayers. Taxpayers are encouraged to contact their financial advisers for guidance on this matter. Payments of the 2nd installments can be made online at: <https://payments.sccgov.org/propertytax/> or by mailing the payments to: Department of Tax and Collections, PO BOX 60534, City of Industry, CA 91716-0534.

For additional information, please contact the Department of Tax and Collections at (408) 808-7900.

Prepayment of 2018/2019 Property Tax

The County is not accepting any prepayment of property taxes for 2018/2019. The California Attorney General has previously issued a legal opinion that the tax collector is not authorized to accept a voluntary prepayment of property tax to be applied against a future potential tax liability. There is no statutory authority for pre-calculation, prepayment or pre-collection of property taxes, and the amount of tax to be paid in future years is not known until the tax roll is delivered to the collector, which has not occurred for the 2018/2019 tax year.

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