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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT PROPERTY TAXES DUE

The first installment of the 2016/2017 property taxes is due and payable on November 1 and will be delinquent if not paid by 5:00 p.m., **Monday, December 12, 2016**. If delinquent, a 10 percent penalty and a \$20 cost will be added, in accordance with the California Revenue and Taxation Code.

Tax installment payments should be mailed, along with the respective installment stubs, to the Office of the Tax Collector, 70 West Hedding Street, 6th Floor, East Wing, San Jose, CA 95110. To ensure timely payment of your tax bill, mail your payment early enough to account for unforeseen delays in mail handling. The United States Postal Service or U.S.P.S. postmark **MUST** reflect December 12th or earlier to avoid penalties. Taxpayers who send their payments by mail are cautioned that the U.S.P.S. only postmarks certain mail depending on the type of postage used, and may not postmark mail on the same day deposited by a taxpayer. If a payment is received after December 12th with no U.S.P.S. postmark, the payment is considered late and penalties will be imposed by law. Therefore, it is important to mail early or obtain a proof of mailing receipt from the post office. Checks are accepted by mail, but cash is not. Cash payments must be made in person at the Office of the Tax Collector, 70 West Hedding Street, East Wing, 6th Floor in San Jose.

To pay taxes with a credit card, debit card or e-check, visit the Office of the Tax Collector website at www.scctax.org. A convenience fee is associated with credit or debit card payments and will need to be paid by the taxpayer. eCheck payments are not subject to a convenience fee.

Property owners are responsible for the taxes even if they have not received a bill. If you have not received your bill and need a duplicate, contact the Office of the Tax Collector at (408) 808-7900. Property owners whose taxes are paid by their lending agency usually receive a copy of the tax bill indicating that the original statement was sent to the lending agency.

Property owners who need information about paying their taxes can visit the Santa Clara County Office of the Tax Collector website at www.scctax.org or call (408) 808-7900.