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SUBJECT: **2005-2006 SECURED PROPERTY TAXES
FIRST INSTALLMENT PERIOD**

We are taking this opportunity to advise you of the upcoming deadline for the first installment of the 2005-2006 secured property taxes.

The attached press release alerts taxpayers that the first installment becomes delinquent if not paid by 5:00 p.m., Monday, December 12. Mailed payments must be (LISPS) postmarked no later than midnight on December 12, 2005. Normally, the delinquency date for the first installment of annual property taxes is December 10. However, since December 10 falls on a Saturday this year, the new delinquency date becomes Monday, December 12, the next business day.

The attached press release was mailed today to approximately 250 newspaper companies, television and radio stations. As a result, you may experience an increase in constituent inquiries or visits to your offices. Any inquiries received regarding the payment of taxes may either be referred directly to the 1st floor lobby, Section "A", in the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration or to our property tax automated telephone system (Proptax) at (213) 974-2111 or the toll free number (888) 807-2111.

If you have any special handling needs, please do not hesitate to contact me, or Donna J. Doss, Assistant Treasurer and Tax Collector at (213) 974-2077.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Mark J. Saladino, Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector, reminds property owners that the first installment of the 2005-2006 property taxes becomes delinquent if not paid by Monday, December 12, 2005. To avoid the assessment of late penalties, payments must be received by 5:00 p.m. or United States Postal Service (USPS) postmarked before midnight, December 12, 2005. "To avoid late penalties, taxpayers should not wait until the statutory deadline; please pay early" says Treasurer Saladino.

To ensure proper processing of payments, make checks payable to the Los Angeles County Tax Collector and include the appropriate first installment payment stub marked "1" along with your payment. Substitute bills can be obtained from our office or the local Assessor's Office.

American Express, Master Card and Visa payments are accepted. No pre-registration is required; property owners can simply call our toll-free telephone number (888) 473-0835. A service fee is charged by a third party vendor to utilize this service. When property owners have completed the transaction, a confirmation number will be provided as verification of payment.

Additionally, a new service called Vcheck allows property owners to make their payments by going to the Treasurer and Tax Collector's website at <http://tax.co.la.ca.us> or the property tax web portal at lacountypropertytax.com. To pay online, taxpayers fill out an electronic check with select information that appears on their written check. Once a Vcheck payment is made online, the taxpayer will receive a confirmation page which they can print for their records.

To determine the amount due on any parcel, taxpayers may access our website at <http://tax.co.la.ca.us>, or call our toll-free Los Angeles County Property Tax Information Line at (888) 807-2111, where automated information is available 24 hours a day.

Payments can be made in person at the following location:

Treasurer and Tax Collector
225 North Hill Street, First Floor
Los Angeles, California 90012

Office Hours:

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday

Beginning December 1, 2005 through December 12, 2005, Treasurer and Tax Collector personnel will also receive payments at the Lancaster Office. Payments must be made by check or money order. No cash payments can be accepted at this location. Taxpayers may also resolve tax problems and obtain substitute tax bills in addition to paying taxes.

Payments by check or money order can be made in person at the following location between December 1 and December 12, 2005:

Treasurer and Tax Collector
335A East Avenue K-6
Lancaster, California 93535

Office Hours:

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday