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Treasurer and Tax Collector Mark J. Saladino

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Mark J. Saladino, Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector, reminds property owners that the second installment of the 2008-2009 property taxes is now due and becomes delinquent if not paid by Friday, April 10, 2009. 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, April 10, 2009. "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 second installment payment stub marked "2" 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 1(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 service called Vcheck allows property owners to make their payments by going to the Treasurer and Tax Collector's website at http://ttc.lacounty.gov 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://ttc.lacounty.gov, or call our toll-free Los Angeles County Property Tax Information Line at 1(888) 807-2111, where automated information is available 24 hours a day.

Payments can be made in person at the following location:

Los Angeles County 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 April 1, 2009 through April 10, 2009, the Treasurer and Tax Collector personnel will also receive payments at the Lancaster branch of the Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office. Payments must be made by check or money order and accompanied by the payment stub. 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.

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