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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Message from Assessor La

Dear Alameda County Residents,

I am pleased to announce that next month our office will host our Annual Homeowners Fair on Wednesday, May 25th at the Downtown Event Center in the City of Fremont! This year we will be focusing on the highly coveted topic of accessory dwelling units (ADUs)!

ADUs have gone by many names—granny flats, in-law units, backyard cottages, secondary units—and they are of high interest among homeowners in Alameda County. As many of you know, ADUs are an innovative, affordable, and effective option for adding much-needed housing in California, while also being a great benefit for your loved ones including children and grandchildren.

If you are interested in adding an ADU to your home but have no idea where to begin, then come check out this year's Homeowners Fair! You will hear directly from city officials in Fremont and Newark about the step-by-step process needed to begin your dream project. While there, stop by our resource tables and talk to your

local builders about how to turn your dream ADU into a reality.

And of course, as your County Assessor, I'll be there to provide information on what your dream ADU will mean for your property assessment.

This will be a family friendly event including food and beverages, raffle prizes, and much more! So bring the whole family and have a great time!

For those that are not able to attend in-person, we got you covered: this will be a hybrid event with the option to join virtually through Zoom. Please see the flyer in the resource section of this newsletter to access the Eventbrite link and join us next month to learn about this topic and more!

Free Legal Clinic to Help Answer Questions:
The Property Transfer Clinic (PTC) is here to help! The PTC is a free legal clinic available to assist property/business owners and constituents on the third Friday of each month. I continue to work with the Alameda County Law Library, the Alameda County Bar Association, Legal Access Alameda, and the Alameda County Library to maintain this clinic and to make it available for Alameda County residents, who do not have access to an attorney. The upcoming PTC is on May 20th. Sign up HERE!

Community Engagements:
In March, I joined the Hayward Chamber of Commerce as a guest speaker at their in-person Latino Business Roundtable. My staff and I also helped put together our first virtual and in-person Asian American Pacific Islander Roundtable at the Alameda County ITD building. After two years of Zoom events, it is great to start attending more in-person programs again in Alameda County.

Please let the Assessor's Office know if your city, Chamber of Commerce, or organization is hosting an in-person or virtual programs that you would like the Assessor's Office to attend.

Let the Assessor's Office know if there's a specific topic you would like to see covered in a future webinar. I encourage you to fill out the poll with possible topics HERE.

Keep an eye out for upcoming programs and tell others to sign up for our newsletter to get notified of these programs, important dates, and deadlines.

As always, we remain committed to serving the residents of Alameda County.

Sincerely,
Phong La
Alameda County Assessor

Dates & Deadlines

April 1 - Deadline for filing Business Personal Property Statements – a 10% penalty will be applied if a BPPS is received after May 7

April 2 to May 2 - Ramadan

April 15 to April 23 - Passover

April 22 - Earth Day

May 25 - Alameda County Assessor's Homeowners Fair

Please note that event details continue to update frequently due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Resource

HOMEOWNERS FAIR

Wednesday, May 25th, 2022
5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
Fremont Downtown Event Center: 3500 Capitol Avenue

Join **Alameda County Assessor Phong La** at the 3rd Annual Homeowners Fair:

ADUs and *YOU* in Fremont and Newark

Come learn how to build your ADU!

Hear from City staff about the ADU process!

Get information from local utility companies re: ADUs!

Community resource fair!

Raffle prizes

Detached Unit

Attached Unit

HYBRID: IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL EVENT
To register for this in-person event or to access the Zoom information, please visit the Eventbrite link:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/alameda-county-assessors-office-homeowners-fair-2022-registration-319088049947

Doors open at 5:00 P.M.
If you have any questions for our office or speakers, please reach out to us via this email **2022Fair@acgov.org**

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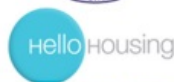
Assessor in the Community

Photo of Assessor La at the Toishan Benevolent Association's event, which honored over 150 volunteers who patrolled approximately 21 areas within Oakland Chinatown.

Photo from the first hybrid in-person/ Zoom Asian American Pacific Islander Roundtable meeting.

Photo from the Hayward Chamber of Commerce Latino Business Roundtable event.

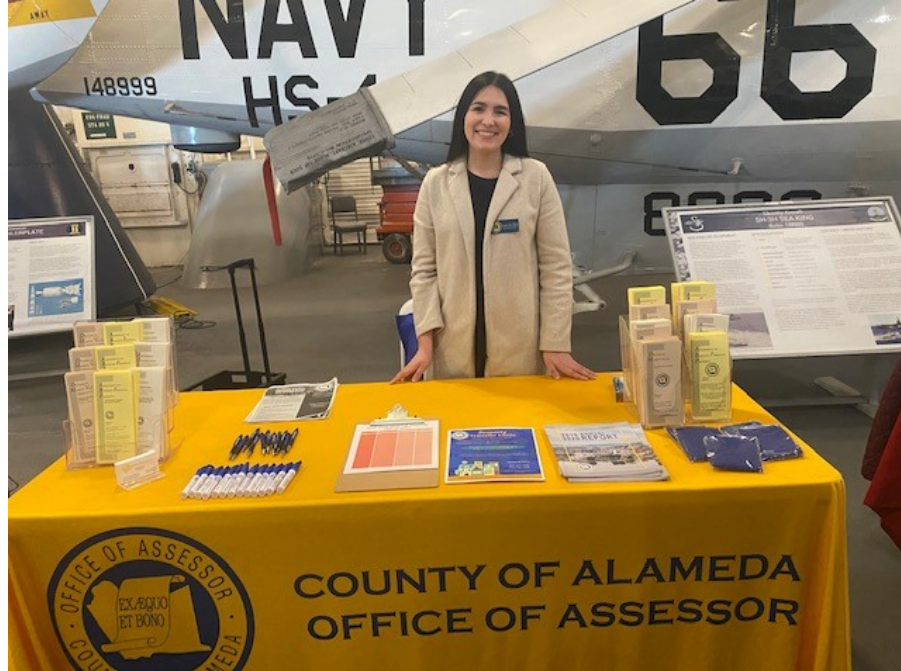**Photo of Assessor La with Assemblymember Mia Bonta at the Alameda State of the City Address on the USS Hornet.**

Photo of Alameda County Assessor's staff, Samantha Hing at the Alameda State of the City Address on the USS Hornet.

Property Transfer Clinic

Do you have questions about:

- The Assessment Process in Alameda County
- Transferring property to family members
- What happens to property after the death of a loved one
- Common exclusions from reassessment

Talk with a volunteer attorney for a FREE 30-minute consultation.

Clinics are held every third Friday of every month. Visit https://appointments.aclibrary.org/appointments/lawyers

Upcoming Dates:

April 15th, 2022
May 20th, 2022
June 17th, 2022

Appointments begin at 12:30PM.

The Property Transfer Clinic is a partnership between the Alameda County Library, the Alameda County Law Library, and Legal Access Alameda. It is funded by the Alameda County Assessor's Office.

Profile: Alameda Chamber of Commerce

Photo of the USS Hornet in Alameda

The Alameda Chamber of Commerce has been around for more than 90 years. The Chamber renamed itself to the Alameda Chamber & Economic Alliance, focusing their mission on supporting the economic growth of the City and dedicating the Chamber as an innovative resource for all businesses in the City of Alameda.

The values of the Alameda Chamber & Economic Alliance are focus, connection, communication, collaboration, and to serve and give. The Chamber strives to create opportunities for businesses and advocates on growing and supporting their community.

The Alameda Chamber & Economic Alliance has their own app that can be downloaded and found HERE. There are four different membership tiers with the Chamber. To see what tier works for its members or to apply and join the Chamber click HERE.

The Alameda Chamber & Economic Alliance has three events that they host annually: The Business Excellence Awards, which honors individuals who make extraordinary contributions to the community; the State of the City event, which provides information on upcoming plans for the City from official leaders of Alameda; and the Alameda's Economic Forecast, which provides a 360-degree glimpse of the City's future.

For more information on the Alameda Chamber of Commerce, available business resources, and upcoming events, click HERE or contact the Chamber President, Madlen Saddik at (510) 522-0414.

WEBSITE:
https://www.alamedachamber.com/

CHAMBER ADDRESS:

2215-A S Shore Center
Alameda, CA 94501
(510) 522-0414

Additional Housing and Support Resources

There are numerous housing resources and financial support programs available for qualifying renters and landlords in Alameda County and throughout California. Support is available NOW, so please check out the resources below.

Keep Fremont Housed

We Can Help!

Rental Assistance Program

In April 2021, as part of a federal relief package, the City's Human Services Department will be launching **Keep Fremont Housed** to assist Fremont households and landlords financially impacted by COVID-19

Keep Fremont Housed program will:

- Help renters pay past due rent or future rent
- Help renters get caught up on utility bills
- Help landlords supplement owed rent

Sign Up Now

Receive future updates about **Keep Fremont Housed** via email. Visit Fremont.gov/RentalAssistanceList or Call Family Resource Center at 510.574.2028

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Program Eligibility for Renters

- Rental unit must be located in Fremont

- Renter has household income at or below 80% of Area Median Income

- Renter qualifies for unemployment or has experienced reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19

- Renter demonstrates risk of experiencing housing instability or homelessness

Priority given to households who have experienced unemployment for 90 days preceding their program application or have a household income at or below 50% of Area Median Income

Coronavirus Updates

Alameda County Aligns with the State's Safety Guidelines as COVID-19 Cases Improve

Covid-19 Testing
Interactive map to find testing sites and schedule appointments – HERE.

Vaccine Distribution

All Alameda County residents, ages 5 and older, are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in Alameda County.

- Pfizer is approved for all individuals, ages 5 and older.

- Johnson & Johnson and Moderna is approved for all individuals, ages 18 and older.

For more information on the Pfizer children's vaccine, click HERE.

A comprehensive list of vaccination sites in Alameda County can be found HERE.

Booster / Additional Dose Information
Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson are available as boosters and as additional doses for eligible individuals.

For those individuals that first received a Johnson & Johnson vaccination, a booster shot is recommended by the CDC after 2 months. Here are the current CDC recommendations:

"For the first booster, an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) is preferred in most situations. The second booster must be an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine."

Second booster doses are currently available for immunocompromised individuals or individuals, ages 50 and older.

If you are eligible for a booster, please visit HERE, or contact your health care provider or local pharmacy.

Please speak with your health care provider and learn if you are eligible for a booster by visiting the California FAQ page on boosters HERE.

Disclaimer:
The contents of this article are intended for informational purposes only and not for the purpose of providing medical advice.

Housing Assistance
OAKLAND - HERE
EMERYVILLE - HERE
LIVERMORE - HERE

Child Care
For Child Care in Alameda County - HERE

Food Distribution
Interactive map to find food, testing, and services in Alameda County - HERE

Employment
Alameda County Workforce Development Board - HERE

Business Resources: Alameda Façade Grant Program

The City of Alameda re-opened its Façade Grant Program that provides business and property owners with matching grants to improve their storefronts and enhance the City's retail districts. Under this program, eligible business and property owners may receive matching grants up to $15,000 for exterior painting, new awnings and signs, and refurbishment of architectural features. Applications are now open. **The last application deadline for the 2021- 2022 program year is April 28, 2022**. For more information about the grant program, including guidelines and deadlines, click HERE.

Agencies
California Small Business Development Center - HERE
California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development - HERE
Alameda County Workforce Development – HERE

Business Resources by City
ALAMEDA - HERE
ALBANY - HERE
BERKELEY - HERE
DUBLIN - HERE
EMERYVILLE - HERE
FREMONT - HERE
HAYWARD - HERE
LIVERMORE - HERE
NEWARK - HERE
OAKLAND - HERE
PIEDMONT - HERE
PLEASANTON - HERE
SAN LEANDRO - HERE
UNION CITY - HERE

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