

PHONG LA

ALAMEDA COUNTY ASSESSOR



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Message from Assessor La

Dear Alameda County Residents,

Happy Pride Month! The Assessor's Office celebrates the strength and courage of all who are a part of the LGBTQ+ community not just throughout the month of June, but all year round.

This month also marks Juneteenth, an important occasion for all of us to recognize and celebrate the resilience of the African-American community.

This coming Monday our Office will be participating in the City of Alameda's July 4th Parade to celebrate Independence Day. The City of Alameda's July 4th Parade is the longest in the nation with a route that spans 3.3 miles, attracting more than 170 entries and 2,500 participants, while attracting over 60,000 spectators from around the region!

If anyone has interest in joining our group at the event, please email us at AllAssessorPRU@acgov.org. For more information about the parade please click

[HERE](#).

I'd also like to take a moment to recognize all the fathers in Alameda County by wishing them happy Father's Day! I hope that you all had a wonderful time with your loved ones over the holiday weekend.

Community Engagements:

Last month, I hosted the Alameda County Assessor's Office 3rd Annual Homeowners Fair in the City of Fremont, at the Fremont Downtown Event Center! The Fair was a hybrid, virtual and in-person, free event for all Alameda County residents. It was wonderful meeting so many homeowners who joined us to learn more about Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). Speakers from - Newark, Union City, and Fremont talked to the audience about the requirements and process for building an ADU. In addition the Alameda County Water District and Union Sanitary District discussed the process for adding utilities to an ADU. Resource tables from several Alameda County businesses provided information and prizes to homeowners.

I look forward to having you all join us at our next Homeowners Fair in 2023.

Please let the Assessor's Office know if your organization is hosting an in-person or virtual event 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 events, important dates, and deadlines.

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 July 15th. Sign up [HERE](#)!

In-Office Visits:

The Assessor's Office public counter is now open . However, we recommend calling or emailing us ahead of time as most issues can be resolved without an in-person visit. To request an in-person appointment, click [HERE](#).

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

Sincerely,
Phong La
Alameda County Assessor

Retirement Acknowledgment

The Assessor's Office would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the employees listed below on their retirement from the Assessor's Office, and I would like to thank each of them for their dedication and service to Alameda County and the community.

List Of Recent Retirees From July 2021 - June 2022

Anthony Grundy
Brian Hitomi
Dolores Centeno
Douglas Takeda
Eugene Mafnas
Fanny Wan
John Abbott II
Jose Valentin
Rhonda Agers Lynn Taylor
Tsu- Loong Wu

Dates & Deadlines

June 1 - 31 - Pride Month

June 14 - Flag Day

June 19 - Father's Day and Juneteenth Day

June 21 - Summer Solstice

July 4 - Independence Day

July 15 - Property Transfer Clinic

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

Resource

Active Solar Energy System Exclusion

As homeowners face many challenges in 2022, I wanted to take a moment to highlight a great way to help save money—solar energy. Not only will you be able to possibly lower your energy bill, but you'll be doing a great service to the environment by making clean and renewable energy. My staff have prepared some detailed information to help you get started:

Many homeowners have the option of adding solar to an existing home or purchasing a new home that has owned or leased solar.

When a homeowner adds solar to an existing home, it will not raise the property taxes and an exclusion form is not needed to claim the exclusion. Our Office will usually discover the installation of the solar system once a copy of the building permit is received, and the exclusion will be automatically granted. If a homeowner thinks they have been assessed for the installation of a solar system, they are encouraged to contact our office (contact

information below) so that we can investigate further.

When a homeowner purchases a home from a builder that includes solar, the homeowner can file the “Initial Purchaser Claim for Solar Energy System New Construction Exclusion” for the possibility of a reduction to their new base year value only if the exclusion has not been previously filed by the builder. This exclusion may be received if:

- The building was completed on or after January 1, 2008
- The developer/builder did not receive the exclusion
- The purchaser files a form with the assessor

Click [HERE](#) to download the “Initial Purchaser Claim for Solar Energy System New Construction Exclusion” and for more information on this exclusion;

- Please click [HERE](#) for more information from the Board of Equalizations website
- Please click [HERE](#) for more information from our Office website
- Or call (510) 272-3787. You can also email us at AssessorWebResponse@acgov.org.

Assessor in the Community



Photo of Assessor La with a staff member from the Casita Coalition at the Alameda County Assessor's 3rd Annual Homeowners Fair in the City of Fremont.



Photo of Assessor staff member, Samantha Hing, at the solar company, Zenernet's grand opening and ribbon cutting in the City of Livermore.



Photo of Assessor staff member, Jose Galang, tabling with District 2 Supervisor Richard Valle's staff member, Gabriela Christy, at the Newark Civic Center's grand opening and ribbon cutting in the City of Newark.



Photo of Assessor La and Dee Dee Myers, CA Economic Development Director at the Asian Business Association lunch.



Photo of Assessor La and Eleni Kounalakis, Lieutenant Governor of California at the Asian Business Association lunch.



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:

July 15th, 2022
August 19th, 2022
September 16th, 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.

The next Property Transfer Clinic will take place on July 15th. Please visit the link [HERE](#) to make an appointment with a volunteer attorney for a free 30-minute consultation.

Profile: Oakland African-American Chamber of Commerce



The Oakland African-American Chamber of Commerce was established in 2003 to promote and support Black-owned businesses in Oakland. This Chamber is a growing non-profit organization that offers partnership opportunities and ambassadorships in the community. Apply to join the Oakland African-American Chamber [HERE](#).

The Oakland African-American Chamber acts as a business networking partner for member businesses and as a community advocate. Members enjoy networking events, workshops, and business development opportunities that advances each member's business. In addition, the Oakland African-American Chamber offers advising services, notary services, and certificate of origin services. These resources are useful to owners who want to network and grow their businesses.

The Oakland African-American Chamber partners with local businesses and the City of Oakland to advocate for the Black community and creates job opportunities for community members. The Oakland African-American Chamber's Ambassador program is an additional opportunity for their membership which helps further build developing relationships within Oakland.

For more information on the Oakland African-American Chamber of Commerce, available business resources, and upcoming events, click [HERE](#).

WEBSITE:

<https://oaacc.org/>

CHAMBER ADDRESS:

Airport Plaza Building
333 Hegenberger Road, Suite 369
Oakland, CA 94621

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.



Funded in part through a Grant from the California Office of the Small Business Advocate

\$2,500 GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR MICROBUSINESS & NONPROFIT COVID-19 RELIEF

Visit microbusinessgrant.org

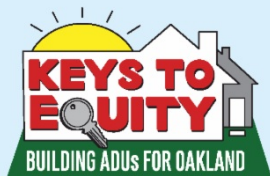
**Apply from May 17, 2022
through August 12, 2022
at 5 p.m.**

Scan me!



- This program will provide \$2,500 grants to qualifying microbusinesses and nonprofits in the counties of: Alameda, Amador, Contra Costa, and El Dorado
- Must have been in operation in 2019, are still in operation, and were impacted by COVID-19 public health restrictions
- Visit the link to see if you qualify, and for help with applying!





OAKLAND HOMEOWNERS!



**ENROLLMENT IS OPEN
BUT THE DEADLINE IS APPROACHING FAST
FILL OUT THE INTEREST FORM FOR MORE INFORMATION!**

The Keys to Equity program will streamline the process for building Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), create more affordable housing, and provide greater financial stability for homeowners, particularly Black homeowners in Oakland.

Share with friends, family, and neighbors!



www.keystoequity.org

As a result of COVID-19, are you...

Struggling to pay rent?

Owe your landlord past due rent?

**Owe past due payments
on utility bills?**

Are you a landlord who is owed rent?



Keep Fremont Housed 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




Fremont
Human Services Department



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



Funded by Alameda County Measure A1
and approved by Alameda County taxpayers

Ready to buy your first home? Down payment assistance is available!

AC Boost provides financial assistance to middle-income working households to purchase a home in Alameda County. The program offers **shared equity loans of up to \$210,000** to first-time homebuyers who live, work, or have been displaced from Alameda County.
Application deadlines apply!

Learn more at acboost.org



¿Listo para comprar tu primera casa?

AC Boost ofrece préstamos de asistencia para el pago inicial de hasta \$ 210,000 para compradores de vivienda por primera vez que viven o trabajan en el Condado de Alameda o que han sido desplazados del Condado de Alameda. Asistencia en español está disponible.

Bạn đã sẵn sàng để mua ngôi nhà đầu tiên?

AC Boost cung cấp các khoản vay hỗ trợ thanh toán trước lên tới 210.000\$ cho những người mua nhà lần đầu sống hoặc làm việc tại Hạt Alameda hoặc những người phải chuyển nhà khỏi Hạt Alameda. Có hỗ trợ bằng tiếng Việt.

準備購買你的第一間房屋嗎？

AC Boost 提供 \$210,000 首期貸款幫助，給予首次買屋者。購房者要在亞拉米達縣 (Alameda County) 居住或工作，或在亞拉米達縣流離失所者。有中文提供幫助。

Handa na bang bumili ng unang bahay ninyo?

Ang AC Boost ay nag-aalok ng tulong sa paunang pagbayad na mga pautang ng may hanggang \$210,000 para sa mga unang-beses na mamimili ng bahay na nakatira o nagtrabaho sa Alameda County o sinumang napaalis mula sa Alameda County. May pagtulong sa Tagalog na magagamit.



acboost.org
(510) 500-8940
acboost@hellohousing.org



AC Boost is funded by Measure A1 Affordable Housing Bond funds and administered by nonprofit organization Hello Housing on behalf of the County of Alameda.

The County of Alameda and Hello Housing do not discriminate against any person on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, marital status, familial status, source of income, genetic information, medical condition, physical disability or mental disability, or any other category protected by law.

Ver. 7/12/2021



STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

2022 TAXPAYERS' BILL OF RIGHTS HEARING

TAXPAYERS AND STAKEHOLDERS ARE INVITED TO PRESENT IDEAS AND CONCERNS ON PROPERTY TAXES AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TAX.

The Bill of Rights Hearing will start at approximately 10:00 a.m.

450 N Street, Auditorium
Sacramento, CA 95814



TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE ADVOCATE'S ANNUAL REPORT,

visit www.boe.ca.gov/tra or contact the
Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office at 1-916-274-3400.



This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. For assistance call 1-916-274-3540.

Ted Gaines
First District

Malia M. Cohen
Second District

Antonio Vazquez
Third District

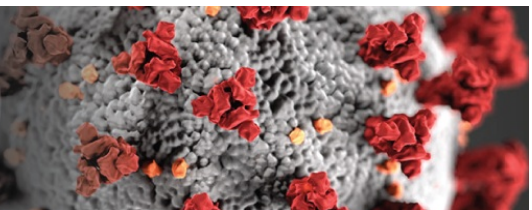
Mike Schaefer
Fourth District

Betty T. Yee
State Controller

Yvette M. Stowers
Executive Director

Publication 317-BOE (5-22)

COVID 19



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 who 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.

Alameda County Supervisor's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Supervisorial District Community Needs Cash Aid Grants - [HERE](#)

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](#)

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](#)

STAY IN TOUCH

Keep-up-to date on important information that may affect your property taxes by following us on Twitter ([@acassessor](#)) and Facebook ([Alameda County Assessor's Office - Home | Facebook](#)).

If this email was forwarded to you, subscribe to the monthly newsletter [HERE](#).

