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ALAMEDA COUNTY ASSESSOR



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Message from Assessor La

Dear Alameda County Residents,

Throughout March, we celebrate Women's History Month. This is an important time when we honor and celebrate all the contributions made by women both currently and throughout history. Originally, the recognition of women's history was only a weeklong event celebrated in Sonoma, California, but shortly after 1978 it became a celebration acknowledged nationally throughout the entire month of March.

To further learn about Women's History Month or to find resources on how to support and celebrate women in March, click [HERE](#).

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, which happens 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 make it available to Alameda

County residents, who do not have access to an attorney. The upcoming PTC is on April 15. Sign up [HERE](#)!

Community Engagements:

Last month, I attended a Lunar New Year event at the San Leandro Public Library. This was a great community event that included performances from the Cal VSA Lion Dance team, Cal Wushu sword performers, Fei Tian Dancers, and a musical performance from singer, Flora Hui.

Later this summer, our office will host the Annual Homeowners Expo. In the next few months, watch for more details about this important educational event for homeowners.

Please let the Assessor's Office know if your city, chamber of commerce, or 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 is 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.

Request for In-Office Visits is Now Available:

The Assessor's Office currently provides temporary in-office visits upon request. Walk-ins are not allowed at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 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

In Memory of Aubrey Phillips



We are saddened by the loss of Alameda County Sheriff Deputy Aubrey Phillips. Our thoughts and condolences to her family, ACSO, and the entire Dublin Community.

In Memory of Frederick “Freddie” H. Bobbitt, Jr.



We are saddened by the passing of City of Fremont Captain Freddie Bobbitt, Jr. He served his community for over 32 years and was beloved by many. Our sincerest condolences to his family, the Fremont Police Department, and the City of Fremont.

Upcoming Dates & Deadlines

March 1	First day of Women's History Month
March 8	International Women's Day
March 13	Daylight Savings - Spring forward
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 18	Lawyers in the Library Property Transfer Clinic Program (Third Friday of every month) 12:00P.M.-6:00P.M. – For more information click HERE
March 20	First day of Spring

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

Resource:
How to File Your 571-L Business Property Statement



The Assessor is responsible for the discovery and assessment of all taxable business personal property located in Alameda County as of January 1st every year. By law, businesses with an aggregate cost of business personal property valued at \$100,000 or greater are legally required to file an annual 571-L Business Property Statement. Unlike real property, business personal property is not subject to Proposition 13 value limitations and is appraised annually at its fair market value.

Examples of taxable business property include:

- Office furniture and equipment
- Machinery
- Computers
- Supplies
- Property Leased to Others

The 571-L Business Property Statement form provides the Assessor correct information to properly assess the value of an owner's business property. 571-L Business Property Statement forms are due yearly on April 1st. Businesses that do not file their 571-L Business Property Statement are subject to an estimated business assessment and a 10% penalty on their assessment.

Filing can be done by mailing in the paper statement sent out to your business or by filing electronically through the e-filing system. If a business owner owns numerous businesses, separate filing is required for each business location. Most businesses can file their 571-L form electronically.

Filing Information:

Electronic filing of the Business Property Statement uses a web-based application that will allow users to view, modify, and submit their 571-L forms.

Business owners in California may e-file by using SDR (Standard Data Record) or e-SDR. The SDR simplifies the process of filing annual statements by bundling a group of statements into a single file. The SDR system only accepts statements that are filed electronically in the approved XML format. Special programming and/or software is required to create SDR files.

e-SDR is the system that was designed with the small business owner in mind. Statements are filed through an interactive system with instructions. No special software or programming is required. Many computers already have Adobe Reader installed or else the program can be downloaded from Adobe for free. e-SDR is recommended for businesses with fewer than five locations, as each location requires a separate statement. When a business owner or an authorized representative has completed the form, the filer receives an immediate online confirmation of the filing. In addition, a copy can be printed

for an owner's records. It is recommended to keep a copy of the confirmation number as a record and to confirm proof of filing.

For more information on the 571-L Business Property Statement form or to access our e-Filing link, click [HERE](#) or call our office at 510-272-3848.

Assessor in the Community

A blue poster with a yellow and white seal of the Office of Assessor, County of Alameda in the top left corner. The seal features a map of California and the text 'EX-ÆQUO ET BONO'. The main title 'Property Transfer Clinic' is in large yellow font. Below it, the text 'Do you have questions about:' is followed by a bulleted list: 'The Assessment Process in Alameda County', 'Transferring property to family members', 'What happens to property after the death of a loved one', and 'Common exclusions from reassessment'. A teal oval contains the text 'Talk with a volunteer attorney for a FREE 30-minute consultation.' Below this, a white box with a teal border contains the text 'Clinics are held every third Friday of every month. Visit <https://appointments.aclibrary.org/appointments/lawyers>'. At the bottom left is an illustration of a city skyline with a sun and trees. At the bottom right, under the heading 'Upcoming Dates:', are the dates 'April 15th, 2022', 'May 20th, 2022', and 'June 17th, 2022'. Below these dates, it says 'Appointments begin at 12:30PM.' A yellow footer bar contains the text: '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 April 15th. Please visit the link [HERE](#) to make an appointment with a volunteer attorney for a free 30-minute consultation.

City Profile: Dublin Chamber of Commerce

In each Newsletter, the Assessor's Office will profile a different city, unincorporated area, or Chamber of Commerce in our County.



Photo of Dublin's Eternal Ribbon

Chartered since 1968, the Dublin Chamber of Commerce continues to promote the Dublin Business Community. The Dublin Chamber is a nonprofit association made up of people devoted to the civic, business, and commercial development of their city. Currently, the Dublin Chamber has approximately 256 sustaining members and welcomes new members each year. Apply to become a member of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce [HERE](#).

The Dublin Chamber is based in the City of Dublin, one of Alameda County's fastest growing cities with approximately 65,716 residents. As a part of the Tri-Valley area, Dublin Chamber frequently partners with its neighboring chambers in Livermore, Pleasanton, and San Ramon.

The Dublin Chamber acts as a business referral network for member businesses, and as a community resources center. Members enjoy annual events, including the yearly business fair, golf tournament and barbecue, as well as frequent networking events and mixers. In addition to member events, the Dublin Chamber offers a variety of webinars and business roundtables throughout the year. These resources are critical to business owners who want to grow their business or who may need assistance navigating the tax code, legal issues, or grant applications.

The Dublin Chamber, in partnership with the City of Dublin, encourages supporting local Dublin businesses with the ["Discover Dublin! Shop Local" campaign](#). This campaign promotes local businesses and keeps residents up-to-date on events happening in Dublin.

For more information on the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, available business resources, and upcoming events, check [HERE](#).

CONTACT

WEBSITE:

<https://dublinchamberofcommerce.org/>

CHAMBER ADDRESS:

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Dublin Farmers' Market takes place every Thursday at Emerald Glen Park, from April 1 to September 23, 2022. For more information click [HERE](#).

To view the full City of Dublin calendar check [HERE](#).

March 2	2022 Ambassador Team Meeting, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. – For more information click HERE .
March 8	Dublin Chamber Board of Director Meeting, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – For more information click HERE .
March 9	Dublin Chamber of Commerce networking March Lunch Brunch, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. – For more information click HERE .
March 12	38th Annual St Patrick's Day Parade presented by Dublin Lions Club, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – For more information click HERE .

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

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.

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.

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。

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.

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) 500-8840
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.

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Coronavirus Updates

ALAMEDA COUNTY ALIGNS WITH THE STATE'S INDOOR MASK MANDATE

COVID-19 Information

In alignment with the State, the Bay Area counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, and the City of Berkeley rescinded the mask mandate for most indoor public settings.

Unvaccinated individuals over age 2 will continue to be required to wear masks in all indoor public settings.

Indoor masking is still required by the State for everyone, regardless of vaccination status in public transportation, health care settings, congregate settings like correctional facilities, homeless shelters, long-term care facilities, and in some businesses, K-12 schools, and childcare settings.

Several California schools had their first school week with the mask mandates lifted that began on March 14th. Other California schools plan to continue a mask mandate in school settings through mid-April. Businesses, venue operators and hosts may determine their own paths forward to protect staff and patrons and may choose to require all patrons to wear masks.

For more information, please see the joint Public Health order by clicking [HERE](#).

Vaccine Distribution

All Alameda County residents, ages 5+, are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in Alameda County. Please be advised that the Pfizer vaccine is approved for persons ages 5+; the Johnson & Johnson and Moderna vaccines are only approved for persons, ages 18+.

Minors between the ages of 5-11 years old are eligible to receive the Pfizer children's vaccine with parental consent. Information regarding the Pfizer vaccine for young children can be found [HERE](#).

A comprehensive list of vaccination sites in Alameda County can be found [HERE](#).

Booster/ Additional Dose Information

Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson are currently available as boosters and as an additional dose for eligible individuals.

An additional dose is available for immunocompromised individuals, who completed all necessary doses of Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson & Johnson after 28 days have passed since their last vaccine dose.

A booster dose of the Pfizer vaccine is available to individuals, as young as 12 years old, who received their second dose of Pfizer at least 5 months ago. A booster dose for Moderna (at least 5 months after their second dose) or Johnson & Johnson (at least 2 months after their first dose) are available only to individuals 18 years 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](#).

Cares Act Funding

In response to COVID-19, the U.S. Congress passed the CARES Act, which provides

payments to state, local, and tribal governments navigating the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak. The CARES Act established the \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund.

Housing Assistance

OAKLAND - [HERE](#)

EMERYVILLE - [HERE](#)

LIVERMORE - [HERE](#)

Deferred Rent Programs

ALAMEDA POINT - [HERE](#)

Child Care

For Child Care in Alameda County - [HERE](#)

Covid-19 Testing

Interactive map to find testing sites and schedule appointments - [HERE](#)

Food Distribution

Interactive map to find food, testing, and services in Alameda County - [HERE](#)

Immigrants

Covid-19 Disaster Relief Assistance for immigrants - [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](#).

Pleasanton Business Assistance Program - [HERE](#)

Business Tax Relief

On April 29, 2021, Governor Newsom signed a business tax relief bill that enables California businesses that received Forgiven PPP loans to deduct from their California state taxes all business expenses paid for using the Forgiven PPP loan. To be eligible, a business must have received a Forgiven PPP loan, experienced a reduction in gross receipts of 25% or more in 2020 as compared to the same time period in 2019, and not be a publicly traded company.

Agencies

Alameda County Small Business Development Center - [HERE](#)

Small Business Administration Loans - [HERE](#)

California Small Business Development Center - [HERE](#)

California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development - [HERE](#)

Alameda County Workforce Development – [HERE](#)

U.S. Small Business Administration - [HERE](#)

Business Resources by City

ALBANY - [HERE](#)

ALAMEDA - [HERE](#)

BERKELEY - [HERE](#)

DUBLIN - [HERE](#)

EMERYVILLE - [HERE](#)

FREMONT - [HERE](#)

HAYWARD - [HERE](#)

LIVERMORE - [HERE](#)

NEWARK - [HERE](#)

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