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ALAMEDA COUNTY ASSESSOR



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Message from Assessor La

Dear County Residents,

As we continue to celebrate the holiday season and say farewell to 2022, I'm thankful for the exciting year that took place here at the Assessor's Office. This year my staff and I joined many community events around the County, including the many grand openings and ribbon cuttings for businesses. I'm especially proud of

our annual Homeowners Fair that took place in the City of Fremont, and the large in-person turnout. It is our privilege to serve each and every one of you and thank you for being a part of the Alameda County Assessor community. On behalf of the Assessor's Office, I wish you the very best for 2023.

Community Engagements:

On December 3rd, my staff attended the Oakland Chinatown Improvement Council's (OCIC) Winter Street Festival. The two-day event had street vendors, performers, and celebrated their ribbon cutting for the first Winter Fest. The event helped us engage with the local Chinatown community and provide resources for homeowners and business owners that stopped by our booth. Thank you to the OCIC for organizing this wonderful event,

To celebrate the holiday season, we attended Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert's first Toy Drive and Meet and Greet in the City of Fremont. Thank you to Fremont Flowers for hosting this holiday event. Abode Services collected all of the donated toys and will be providing holiday gifts to community members in need this holiday season. Our office also participated in the Annual District 3 Holiday Party and Toy Drive hosted by Alameda County Supervisor Dave Brown. These events are a great reminder of how joyful and festive the holiday seasons is.

Take a look below at the Assessor in the Community section at some of the pictures from these events and other community engagement photos that my staff and I participated in.

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. 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 our upcoming programs and tell others to [sign up for our newsletter](#) to stay up to date on our 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 Friday, January 20th. Sign up [HERE!](#)

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

Sincerely,
Phong La
Alameda County Assessor

Assessor in the Community



Photo of Assessor Phong La and the California Assessors' Association (CAA) President Leslie Morgan at the California Assessors' Association Conference. Assessor La was recognized at the conference for his dedication and hard work as the 2022 Legislative Committee Chairperson.



Photo of Mona Barra-Gibson, Alameda County Assessor's Office and Aaron Fanwick, Los Angeles County Assessor's Office being recognized by California Assessors' Association President Leslie Morgan and President-elect Kristi Lee.



Photo of Alameda County Assessor booth at the Oakland Chinatown Improvement Council's Winter Street Festival.



Assessor's Office staff, Samantha Hing, Fremont Vice Mayor Teresa Kang, and Poppy Bank management and staff at the Poppy Bank Ribbon Cutting in the City of Fremont. Thank you to the Fremont Chamber for hosting this ceremony.



Photo of Assessor's Office staff, Samantha Hing with District 1 Supervisor David Haubert and Field Director Kathy Kimberlin at his first Annual Toy Drive and Meet and Greet in the City of Fremont.

Dates & Deadlines

December 18 - 26 - 8 Days of Hanukkah

December 24 - Christmas Eve

December 25 - Christmas

December 26 - Christmas Observed (County offices are closed)

December 26 - January 1 - 7 Days of Kwanza

December 31 - New Year's Eve

January 1 - New Year's Day

January 2 - New Year's Day Observed (County offices are closed)

Resource

Homeowners Exemption



The Homeowners' Exemption is a tax saving program offered to homeowners in California. With this program, homeowners are eligible to receive a reduction of up to \$7,000 off their assessed value. This exemption provides homeowners a savings of about \$70 off their dwelling in their yearly property taxes.

Who would not want to save \$70 per year on their property taxes?

To qualify, you must own and occupy your dwelling as your principal place of residence. A dwelling does not qualify for the exemption if it is a rental home, unoccupied by the homeowners, and/or either a vacation or secondary home.

Claims are to be filed with the Assessor's Office between the January 1 lien date and February 15th to receive a full exemption for the upcoming fiscal year. Partial exemptions are available to homeowners who file after the February 15th thru December 10th.

There is no need to re-apply, which means the savings will continue until a change of ownership or re-assessment occurs. To qualify for the exemption, the home must be the owner's principal place of residence on January 1st.

If you are unsure if you have the Homeowner's Exemption or to see if you qualify, click [HERE](#) to access your property assessment information. Failure to notify the Assessor, subjects homeowners to a repayment of the exemption. The deadline to file for a removal is December 10th of the year in which the claim would apply.

For more information on this exemption visit our website [HERE](#) call (510) 272-3770 for more information.

Profile

Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

With over 100 different languages and dialects spoken, Oakland is one of the most diverse cities in the country. The Oakland Metropolitan Chamber is an influential force in local government and regional economic development. Located in downtown Oakland, the Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce is a diverse resource that is committed to enhancing the quality of the community and enhancing both economic and regional development.

The chamber was established in November 1905, at a time when the population of Oakland was nearly 110,00 people. The chamber was created by local businesses and city leaders as a network for businesses to share issues and build opportunities. Now the chamber has more than 1,000 members and is a leader for public policy, civic engagement, and a networking resources for business and the community.

This membership-based organization has a wide range of resource materials and event opportunities that allow their members to build a supportive and strong network. Without a question they are an organization that puts their community first and wants their member to thrive.

Apply to join the Oakland Chamber [HERE](#).

For more information on the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, click [HERE](#).

WEBSITE:

<https://www.oaklandchamber.com/>

CHAMBER ADDRESS:

1333 Broadway, Suite 600
Oakland, CA 94612

Façade and Tenant Improvement Program (FTIP) Grants

If you are a business owner or a commercial property owner in the City of Oakland, the Façade and Tenant Improvement Programs (FTIP) can help you enhance the appearance of your commercial building to reduce blight and encourage economic development.

Grants are used for approved exterior and interior renovations to commercial and mixed-use properties.

Grant funding

- Façade (exterior improvement) grants: Applicants can be reimbursed for a percentage of the cost of eligible exterior improvements to building facades, up to a maximum of \$30,000.

- Façade grant caps follow a sliding scale, determined by the property's linear length.
- Tenant Improvement (interior improvements or TI) grants: Applicants can be reimbursed for a percentage of the cost of eligible interior improvements (TIs) in commercial properties/units, up to a maximum of \$45,000.

The first Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) will be issued with an application period of December 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023. Applications received during the NOFA will be prioritized based on equity scoring criteria. If you would like to be notified when the application period opens, please [complete this form](#).

For additional inquiries, please contact FTIP@oaklandca.gov or (510) 238-3853.



The flyer features a blue background with a pattern of light blue circles. At the top left is the official seal of the Office of Assessor, County of Alameda, which includes the Latin motto "EX-EQUO ET BONO". The main title "Property Transfer Clinic" is written in large, bold, yellow font. Below the title, the text "Do you have questions about:" is followed by a bulleted list of topics. A teal oval highlights the offer of a "FREE 30-minute consultation" with a volunteer attorney. A white-bordered box contains the website URL for appointments. At the bottom, a yellow banner provides information about the clinic's partnership and funding. An illustration of various buildings and trees is positioned at the bottom left.

OFFICE OF ASSESSOR
EX-EQUO ET BONO
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

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:

January 20th, 2023
February 17th, 2023
March 17th, 2023

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 January 20th.

Please visit the link [HERE](#) to make an appointment with a volunteer attorney for a free 30-minute consultation.



MPX VACCINATIONS

Where?

Every Thursday

Skywest Golf Course Facility

Free of Charge

1401 Golf Course Rd. Hayward, CA 94541

9:00am-3:00pm

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Gay, bisexual, and other men or trans-persons who have sex with men
- Sex workers of any sexual orientation or gender identity
- Persons who have had close contact with someone with suspected/confirmed MPX within the past 14 days
- Persons who had close contact with others at an event or social gathering where a suspected/confirmed MPX case was identified within the past 14 days
- Laboratory workers who routinely perform MPX virus testing
- Clinicians who have had a high-risk occupational exposure (e.g., examined MPX lesions or collected MPX specimens without using recommended personal protective equipment)

BOOK AN APPT.

**Vaccinations are available
by appointment only**

Scan to book:



tinyurl.com/MPX-Skywest

For More Information Please Contact us at (510) 954-0560



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) 500-8840
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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COVID-19 Updates

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 are 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.

Booster shots are recommended to help restore protection and provide further protection from newer variants of the virus.

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](#)

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