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ALAMEDA COUNTY ASSESSOR



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Message from Assessor La

Dear County Residents,

Thank you to the Alameda County community for your continued support and trust as I represent and serve as your County Assessor. I'm also grateful to my staff for their dedication and commitment that allows our office to deliver the highest level of

service to each and every one of you. I look forward to celebrating the upcoming holidays and I hope you and your loved ones enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday.

Earlier in the month, we celebrated Veterans Day. I'd like to acknowledge the veterans who served or are currently serving our nation. Thank you to all members of our military for your service, sacrifice, and bravery. If you or someone you know served, please read the resource in this newsletter as there may be an important tax-saving program that veterans and disabled veterans in our community could qualify for.

Community Engagements:

On October 27th, I attended the Oakland African American Chamber of Commerce's 19th Annual Business Awards Luncheon at Scott's Seafood Restaurant in Oakland's Jack London Square. Thank you to the OAACC for organizing this wonderful event that highlights the hardworking business community and their entrepreneurial spirit.

My staff attended the Hayward Library's Trunk or Treat event over the Halloween weekend! We decorated our vehicle in a Batman theme and thank you to the many families that stopped by to receive some candy. Thank you to the City of Hayward and the Hayward Library for organizing this event as the turnout was incredible.

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, December 16th. Sign up [HERE](#)!

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

Sincerely,
Phong La
Alameda County Assessor

2022 California Assessors Retirement Recognition

Diane Brown, Butte County
Leslie Davis, Calaveras County
Karl Weiland, El Dorado County
Mari Wilson, Humboldt County
Jon Lifquist, Kern County
Brian Glover, Madera County

Stephen Vagnini, Monterey County
Sue Horne, Nevada County
Earnie Dronenburg, San Diego County
Sean Saldavia, Santa Cruz County
Marc Tonnesen, Solano County
Dan Goodwin, Ventura County

Assessor in the Community



Assessor La attended the 19th Annual Oakland African American Chamber of Commerce Business Awards Luncheon.



The Assessor's Office attended Hayward's Trunk or Treat event over Halloween weekend. Check out our Batman themed decorated vehicle.

Dates & Deadlines

November 1-2 - Day of the Dead (Día de Muertos)

November 6 - Daylight Savings Day ends (Fall Back)

November 11 - Veterans Day

November 24 - Thanksgiving

November 25 - Native American Heritage Day

November 26 - Small Business Saturday

December 10 - Legal deadline for filing a late exemption claim for homeowners, veterans and disabled veterans.

December 10 - Last day to pay the first installment of your property taxes without a penalty.

Resource

DISABLED VETERANS' AND SURVIVING SPOUSES' PROPERTY TAX SAVINGS



The California Constitution and Revenue and Taxation Code Section 205.5 provide a property tax exemption for the primary residence of a disabled veteran or an unmarried spouse of a deceased disabled veteran. Veterans, who are rated at 100% disabled due to a service-connected disability by the Veterans' Administration (VA), are eligible for this California Disabled Veterans property tax exemption. Those who are below the 100% rate, but are compensated at the full rate due to unemployability are also eligible.

In 2022, this exemption provided up to a \$149,993 reduction on the assessable value of real property, meaning a savings of approximately \$1,490 on Ad Valorem taxes. Additionally, there is a low-income version of the Disabled Veterans' Exemption, which provides up to a \$224,991 reduction in the property's assessed value, translating to approximately \$2,250 in annual savings on Ad Valorem taxes. To qualify for this exemption, you must have a household income of \$67,355 or less. In addition to the Veterans themselves, unmarried surviving spouses of service members who have died in the line of duty can also apply.

The Assessor's Office uses the disability documentation from the VA. If your exemption claim is initially rejected by the Assessor's Office due to the disability rating you can appeal the rating with the VA. If your appeal with the VA is successful, we encourage you to re-apply for the appropriate exemption with the Assessor. For more information about this critical benefit for our deserving veterans, please contact our Exemptions Unit at 510-272-6587 or visit our [website](#).

A veteran must be 100% disabled to receive the exemption. The California Assessors' Association (CAA) is working with the State Legislature to provide a partial exemption for veterans who are not 100% disabled.

REASSESSMENT REVERSAL FOR LOCAL REGISTERED DOMESTIC PARTNERS

A local registered domestic partnership is a registered domestic partnership established by a city, county, city and county, or special district in which both of the following conditions are met:

- (1) Registrants were of the same sex at the time of registration.
- (2) The registrants were not in a registered domestic partnership with, or married to, any other person at the time of the transfer.

Effective September 29, 2018, qualified locally registered domestic partners may be eligible for property tax relief via prospective (future) reassessment reversal if the following conditions are met:

- (1) Transfer of ownership was between local registered domestic partners.

(2) The transferee and transferor were local registered domestic partners as of the date of the transfer that triggered reassessment.

(3) The transfer of property ownership occurred on or after January 1, 2000 to June 26, 2015 (inclusive).

(4) The property was reassessed for change in ownership at that time.

The property tax relief is prospective (future) only. This does not include refunds of taxes paid in prior years.

The Local Registered Domestic Partners decision was created to retroactively allow for the transfer of ownership reassessment exclusion during the period of time that same-sex marriage was not yet legalized in California (January 1, 2000 to January 27, 2015). Following the June 2022 deadline, the Assessor's Office can no longer acknowledge the claim as valid for those specifically Locally Registered Domestic Partners.

For more information regarding the change of ownership exclusion for Local Registered Domestic Partners, click [HERE](#).

Profile: Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce's office is in Downtown Pleasanton and is the catalyst for business and economic growth. This membership-based organization promotes businesses and provides a wide range of benefits including monthly mixers, luncheons, networking opportunities, and awards service events. Other programs available to members focused on specific specialties include the Community Foundation, a nonprofit that helps advance small businesses, and Leadership Pleasanton, a yearly interactive and informative program that helps develop business participants into community leaders.

The initial idea of the Chamber started in 1907 when a small group of citizens met at City Hall to plan the growth and development of the town. The Pleasanton Chamber later incorporated in 1946. Their small, but dedicated staff currently provides support and leadership to over 100 members.

In 2021, the Chamber celebrated its 75th anniversary at its Annual Community Awards event, reflecting on past leaders who were huge instruments to the Chambers' success and honoring community members for their service, dedication, and contributions to the Pleasanton community.

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

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

WEBSITE:

<https://www.pleasanton.org/>

CHAMBER ADDRESS:

777 Peters Avenue
Pleasanton, CA 94566

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

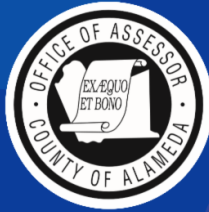
of your commercial building to reduce blight and encourage economic development. Grants are used for approved exterior and interior renovations to commercial and mixed-use properties.

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.



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:

December 16th, 2022
January 20th, 2023
February 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 December 16th. 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 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.

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](#)

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