



NEWS RELEASE

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NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PROPERTY TAX SAVINGS

The Homeowners' Property Tax Exemption provides for a reduction of up to \$7,000 off the assessed value of one's principal place of residence. This results in a **property tax savings** up to \$70 per year.

According to Assessor records over 100,000 homeowners are not benefitting from this property tax savings but may be eligible to do so by filing a *Claim for Homeowners' Property Tax Exemption*. Property owners who occupy their home as their principal place of residence on January 1st, and each year thereafter, are eligible for this exemption. The exemption is for principal residences only. It does not apply to rental properties or second homes, and homeowners are only entitled to claim one property as their principal place of residence.

County Assessor Ernie Dronenburg feels that it is important to communicate tax savings opportunities to property owners. "My office has always been proactive when it comes to saving taxpayer's hard earned dollars." Dronenburg continued, "Proposition 13 is a great piece of legislation and provides so many savings opportunities. It is the duty of every Assessor to communicate these programs and to be proactive in assuring that taxpayers are not paying more than their fair share."

The Assessor's office automatically mails an exemption claim to all homeowners that have property which has undergone a change in ownership. This week the Assessor's office will be mailing out second notices to those homeowners who appear to be eligible but have not previously submitted an application. If approved, the exemption will be applied to the 2018-2019 property taxes.

Attached is the *Claim for Homeowners' Property Tax Exemption*. Homeowners can also apply on the Assessor's website at <https://arcc.sdcounty.ca.gov/Pages/hox.aspx>. San Diego is the only California County where this exemption can be filed online. Property owners with questions can contact the Assessor's Homeowners' Exemption section at (619) 531-5772 or by email at arcchox.fgg@sdcounty.ca.gov.

20__ CLAIM FOR HOMEOWNERS' PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

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If eligible, sign and file this form with the Assessor on or before February 15 or on or before the 30th day following the date of notice of supplemental assessment, whichever comes first.

If you intend to own and occupy this property as your principal place of residence, please complete the following information to apply for a Homeowners' Exemption. If not, please discard this form. To receive the full value of the exemption (\$7,000 off your assessed value for an annual savings of approximately \$70 on your property taxes), please sign and return this form to the Assessor's Office.

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS
 (Make necessary corrections to the printed name and mailing address)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Parcel No.:
 Address of
 Dwelling:

Print your Social Security or Tax Identification Number and name here

SSN/TIN: - -

◆ Name: _____

Print co-owner's or spouse's Social Security or Tax Identification number and name when this property is also his/her principal residence

SSN/TIN: - -

◆ Name: _____

This claim may be used to file for the Homeowners' Exemption for the Assessment Roll and the Supplemental Assessment Roll. A new owner must file a claim even if the property is already receiving the Homeowners' Exemption. Please carefully read the information and instructions before answering the questions listed below.

1. When did you acquire this property? _____
 (month/day/year)

2. Date you occupied this property as your principal residence? _____
 (month/day/year)

3. Do you own another property that is, or was, your principal place of residence in California? Yes No
 If YES, please provide the address below, and the date you moved out, if no longer your principal place of residence:

Address: _____
 Street Address City Zip Code month/day/year

Only the owners or their spouses who occupy the above-described property (including a purchaser under contract of sale) or his or her legal representative may sign this claim. (If the property comprises more than one dwelling unit, other co-owner occupants may wish to file separate claims; however, only one exemption will be allowed per dwelling unit.)

If you are buying this property under an unrecorded contract of sale and the Assessor does not have a copy of the contract, you must attach a copy to this claim.

CERTIFICATION

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing and all information hereon, including any accompanying statements or documents, is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE OF OWNER-OCCUPANT	DATE
SIGNATURE OF OCCUPANT'S SPOUSE OR CO-OWNER-OCCUPANT	DATE
EMAIL ADDRESS	DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER

IF YOU DO NOT OCCUPY THIS PARCEL AS YOUR PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE, PLEASE DISCARD THIS FORM.
 If you occupy this parcel at a later date, contact the Assessor at that time.
PLEASE USE THE RETURN ENVELOPE PROVIDED.
THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT SUBJECT TO PUBLIC INSPECTION.