

ATC MASON WARNS TAXPAYERS OF FRAUDULENT CALLS

San Bernardino, CA — San Bernardino County Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector (ATC) Ensen Mason today warned taxpayers to beware of fraudulent telephone calls soliciting property tax payments.

"Safety and security are my priorities for taxpayers in paying their property taxes," noted Mason. "The only ways to ensure payments are made properly is to pay on our official website, by mail to our office at 268 Hospitality Lane in San Bernardino, in person at this office location, or at our temporary high desert location at 15900 Smoke Tree Street in Hesperia through December 10th."

If taxpayers have questions regarding payment of property taxes, they are encouraged to call (909) 387-8308 and speak to our friendly staff members. Anyone receiving a phone call soliciting payment of current property taxes should immediately contact ATC staff and report the incident.

The ATC's Central Collections Division does contact taxpayers by phone regarding delinquent unsecured taxes, but not regarding current year secured property taxes.

ATC processes 900,000 property tax bills annually and receives over \$3 billion in payments that they then distribute to hundreds of local taxing entities throughout the County. These funds are the lifeblood of local public services.

ATC is proud to serve as the financial foundation for San Bernardino County government.

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