

OVER 1,600 TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTIES WILL BE AUCTIONED STARTING MAY 11

San Bernardino, CA — San Bernardino County Tax Collector Ensen Mason announced today that his office will hold its annual online auction of tax-defaulted properties beginning May 11, 2019, with staggered closing times from May 13, 2019 through May 17, 2019.

"The benefit of a tax sale is getting tax-defaulted properties back into tax paying status to fund key public services, including education, police and fire protection, and social and public health services," Mason said. "Winning bidders have the opportunity to buy real estate at potentially reduced prices."

This tax sale auction consists of more than 1,600 properties that have been tax-defaulted for five or more years, and will include both newly-offered and re-offered properties. Opening bids start as low as \$1,000, and the highest bid wins. Each bidder alone bears the responsibility of due diligence to inspect, research, and investigate the properties offered for sale. Limited tax information including parcel number, Assessor's parcel map, and Google Map are available for viewing online at <u>www.MyTaxCollector.com</u>. Property is sold "as is", and purchasers are encouraged to complete a thorough due diligence review prior to bidding.

Auction properties include single-family residences, multi-unit apartments, duplexes, triplexes, commercial buildings, vacant land, and over 125 timeshares. To participate in this auction, an advance deposit of \$5,000 plus a \$35 non-refundable bid deposit processing fee is due by May 3, 2019, at 5 p.m. Participants must pre-register to bid. For more information regarding this tax sale, please visit <u>https://sbcounty.mytaxsale.com</u> – it's easy, secure and **Simply A Better Way To Do Business®**.

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