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RE: CONSUMER ALERT: PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION SCAMS
APN: Property Location:

Dear San Francisco Property Owner:

Companies using official-sounding names like "Tax Review", "Tax Adjusters", and "Tax Reassessment" seek to scam homeowners who are worried about their property taxes and declining property values.

If you are a victim of this scam, you can file a complaint with the Attorney General's Public Inquiry Unit at www.ag.ca.gov/consumers/general.php or by writing to P.O. Box 944255, Sacramento, CA 94244. We are also attaching the Consumer Complaint Against a Business/Corporation form for your convenience.

We received documentation that indicates you may have been unlawfully solicited by a company doing business as "Property Tax Adjusters Inc." or a similar company requesting a service fee of $189.00 for property tax reductions. If you did not receive such notification, please disregard this letter.

The solicitation is misleading, deceptive and potentially violates California law since it appears to be a billing statement from a government entity. The California Attorney General's Office has filed a lawsuit against the individuals behind Property Tax Adjusters Inc.

Informal Review of Assessment

If you have reason to believe that the market value of your property has decreased as of January 1 of every year, you can request an informal review. Please visit our web site for additional information: www.sfassessor.org. This past year, our informal review period was from January 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010.

Assessment Appeals Board

If you disagree with the assessed value or our informal review, you may file a formal "Application for Changed Assessment" with the Assessment Appeals Board, an independently appointed review board. Application information can be obtained from the Clerk of the Assessment Appeals Board, City Hall – Room 405, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102, phone (415) 554-6778 or web at www.sfgov.org/aab. Assessment appeals must be filed with the Clerk **between July 2, 2010 and September 15, 2010**. There is a fee associated with the formal filing.

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