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Statement to the Community Regarding the April 10th Property Tax Delinquency Date

As your Treasurer-Tax Collector I understand and share the public's anxiety and concern about the impacts of the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic. While I am sympathetic to all of our current challenges and am greatly concerned about the upcoming deadline, **I do not have the power or authority to extend the delinquent date codified in state statute – only the State has this power.**

However, should our office be closed to the public on April 10th, tax payments that were due during the closure will be accepted without penalty on the next business day the office is open to the public.

The April 10 payment for the second installment of property taxes supports among many things, critical county, city and special district services. Schools and many local financial obligations are dependent on those scheduled revenues, and as such, can't be deferred by my office. If a large portion of taxpayers don't pay on April 10, there will be very immediate and serious impacts to school obligations and other local financial obligations that are funded through the payment of property taxes. In a crisis, Monterey County, Cities, Schools and Special Districts must retain the financial ability to provide critical services to the community.

I have been in touch with the State Controller's Office and will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates to the public as quickly as possible.

Given the rapidly evolving situation and shelter in place recommendations I recommend that taxpayers make plans to remit payment by remote means. We offer electronic payment capabilities such as eCheck, Internet credit and debit card, phone credit and debit card payments and, of course, accept checks and money orders via the mail.

I promise to work with local taxpayers to provide any and all relief allowable under the law but at this time, again, **I do not have the independent power or authority to extend any delinquent dates.**

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mary A. Zeeb
Monterey County Treasurer-Tax Collector