

## A Message for San Francisco Homeowners

It's our pleasure to serve you, as we do our work for San Francisco to fairly and accurately identify and assess all taxable property and record and provide access to property, marriage and other records. This year's Resource Guide reflects our commitment to meeting you in community, helping you maintain and protect your home, build generational wealth, save money and make sound financial choices. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email us at assessor@sfgov.org, via phone at 628-652-8100 or in-person at San Francisco City Hall, Room 190.

## **Making Our Services Better**

We hope your experience working with us is more efficient, during office hours and after, whether you're walking through our front doors, reaching us online or calling in.

#### **Individualized Assistance**

With our in-person appointment service, you can schedule a time that works for you to get individual assistance with our staff in filing for property tax exemptions, which can save you money. For many, filing a homeowners' exemption is also a critical step in making use of the Proposition 19 Reassessment Exclusion.

In the coming months, you'll be able to make appointments for other services as well, like recording a marriage license and getting a copy of a marriage certificate.

To make an appointment, visit: www.sfassessor.org.

### **Prioritizing Your Convenience**

Our Office has a new phone number, 628-652-8100 and a few new services to go along with it.

Now, you can ask for a call-back instead of waiting on hold if our staff are assisting other constituents. If you call after-hours, we'll connect you straight to SF311 and it's easier to get help in different languages.

We're building a new check-in system to improve your time spent in City Hall. Soon, you'll be able to use your cell phone to grab your spot in line and tell us you're here. We'll text you when it's your turn to speak with one of our staff members.

Then, while you're waiting to speak with us, you can do business at other City departments, including visiting the new Career Center for City Jobs on the first floor of City Hall or enjoying the new Cafe Melange on the ground floor, featuring local businesses from the Bayview.

### **Increasing Access to Records**



We're one of the only county recorders in California where you can purchase and download recorded documents at home—we've digitized over 7 million records from 1990 to now and are working on completing another 1.5 million records to be available on our online portal.



And, we made purchasing records online cheaper, updating our copy fees this past spring.

To access our online record portal, please visit our website: www. sfassessor.org/recorder-information/obtain-copies-recorded-documents.



### **Events, Updates and Resources**

# Family Wealth Forum: Financial Empowerment

Join the Office of the Assessor-Recorder and partners as we host our in-person Family Wealth Forum on Saturday, August 3 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the City College Multi-Use Building at 55 Frida Kahlo Way.

This event will feature a resource fair with government agencies and nonprofits, presentations to help you and your family understand property assessment, achieve financial security, protect your assets and build wealth from one generation to the next.

The Family Wealth Forum will also be an opportunity for one-on-one appointments with our staff who can answer questions on topics like how to appeal your assessed value, a recent property transaction, new construction and more.

For more details and to register, please visit: www.sfassessor.org/familywealth.



#### A Vibrant San Francisco

The City is spearheading initiatives to support our economic recovery from the challenges presented by the pandemic, including free, family-friendly events, performances and more in downtown and across San Francisco.

For more information on fun events to attend this summer as well as on our recovery progress, please visit: www.sf.gov/departments/roadmap-san-franciscos-future and www.vibrantsf.org.

### **Resident Resources for Healthy Homes**

Everyone has an equal right to a healthy and safe environment. The San Francisco Environment Department offers many resident resources for guidance on the latest environmental issues in San Francisco. From guides about "Bay Area seasonal fruit and vegetables" to "Tips for a Healthy Home" to "Food Waste Prevention," SF Environment is at the forefront of educating residents to live more efficiently. To learn more, visit: www. sfenvironment.org/resident-resources.

## Treasurer & Tax Collector's Kindergarten to College Program

One vital use for property tax revenue in California is to support public education. Did you know that the City and County of San Francisco also invests in our public school students through the Kindergarten to College (K2C) program? Founded in 2011 and operated by the Office of the Treasurer & Tax Collector, K2C automatically opens a savings account seeded with \$50 in public funds for every child entering kindergarten in SF's public schools, putting students on a path to college from their first day of school. Today, students at every grade level have an account, with more than \$17 million saved to date, the majority of which has been saved by local families. To learn more visit: www.k2csf.org.

### **Proposition 19**

Passed in November 2020, Proposition 19 changed laws that governed intergenerational property transfers after February 16, 2021. The measure also allows homeowners 55 or older, or severely disabled to transfer their existing assessed value to a new home anywhere in the state. When making your plans for transferring your property or passing down assets to your heirs, it's important to understand the key deadlines, requirements and forms you will need to file with our office. Please don't hesitate to reach out to our office or visit: <a href="https://www.sfassessor.org/Prop19">www.sfassessor.org/Prop19</a>.

### Summer Stride and Museums for All

San Francisco Library's annual summer learning program, Summer Stride, is back again this year with a fantastic series of in-person programming for all ages and abilities. Enjoy fun and engaging activities that will keep you reading, learning, adventuring, and loving our beautiful City and its diverse communities all summer long! Visit: www.sfpl.org/summerstride.

And, the San Francisco Museums for All program offers free or discounted museum tickets year-round for San Francisco residents with EBT or Medi-Cal cards. For a list of participating museums. Visit: www.sfhsa.org/san-francisco-museums-all.

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