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# 200+ SAN DIEGO PROPERTIES TO BE AUCTIONED BY SD COUNTY

*Register to bid by Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>*

*San Diego, CA...*San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector Dan McAllister announced today that 224 Tax Defaulted Properties are scheduled to be sold at the 2012 Property Tax Sale Auction on **Friday, February 24, 2012**, at the *San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive, Room 6A) in downtown San Diego*. The property auction will be held in an effort to collect \$3,422,469.00 in unpaid property taxes, including penalties and fees.

“We currently have 79 improved properties and 145 unimproved parcels ready for auction,” stated McAllister. “The numbers may change if owners pay the defaulted taxes right before the deadline. Owners have until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2012 to bring their taxes and delinquent charges up to date, or their property will be auctioned off.”

“Some years we have made available incredible bargains for bidders involved in this annual auction,” noted McAllister. “It remains to be seen as to whether or not taxpayers who are delinquent on their tax payments will step forward to rescue their property before it is sold at our auction. We hope that everyone who is delinquent will pay up.” Interested bidders may purchase registration packets for **\$70** at any of the Treasurer-Tax Collector’s offices located in downtown San Diego, Kearny Mesa, Chula Vista, El Cajon and San Marcos. A **\$1,000 refundable deposit** is also required at the time of the registration.

Under California State law, the Treasurer-Tax Collector may sell any or all portions of properties that have been in default for five years. In December 2010, the Board of Supervisors approved 592 (including timeshares) properties for auction. In December 2011, the Board approved nearly 290 properties for auction. **Timeshares will not be offered at this sale, they will be offered at an online sale in late April 2012.**

Minimum bids are set based on the total amount of back taxes, penalties and sales costs. The successful bidder may take possession of a property after making a payment in full and after the Tax Deed to Purchaser has been recorded.

Information on the current availability of properties going to auction can be obtained by calling the Treasurer-Tax Collector’s Tax Sale Information Line at **(619) 531-4862** or by accessing [www.sdtreastax.com](http://www.sdtreastax.com).

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