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**SENIOR CITIZEN HOMEOWNERS TARGETED FOR
MISLEADING PROPERTY TAX REBATE MAILINGS**

Misleading letters to senior citizen homeowners offering property tax rebates of up to \$816 are appearing in mailboxes throughout Ventura County. It has come to the Assessor's attention that letters from the "Senior Advisory Homeowner Assistance Program" located in Sacramento, California, say for a processing fee of \$36, senior citizen homeowners may be eligible for this property tax rebate. However, this business is not affiliated with the State of California Franchise Tax Board, which administers the Homeowner Assistance Program.

Dan Goodwin, Assessor of Ventura County, recommends that recipients make inquiries prior to filling out the form and mailing in any money. "This is a free program offered by the State of California. Our senior citizen homeowners in Ventura County do not need to pay a \$36 processing fee," he cautions. "By calling the State Franchise Tax Board at 1-800-338-0505, these homeowners can ask questions about the program and request the appropriate forms." The Franchise Tax Board also provides online assistance in filling out the paperwork. The application period is July 1 through October 2001.

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