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Property Tax Auction Scheduled for June 25 Wednesday, June 18 Deadline for Bidder Registration

SANTA ANA –Numerous tax-delinquent properties are currently slated for the auction block on June 25, with bidding open to members of the general public who have completed a pre-registration process no later than 1:00 PM PT (4:00 PM ET) Wednesday, June 18. The Orange County (OC) tax auction garners nationwide interest due to the high value of OC real estate.

"Bidders can view the property online, including the type of zoning, by using a specially created <u>GIS map</u> of each improved and unimproved parcel. The map contains a link to view bills and a statement of unpaid taxes for each parcel," said Treasurer Freidenrich. "This is a buyer's beware auction and properties are sold as is. The county makes no representation as to the usage, suitability or legal compliance of any parcel," she added.

Potential bidders and interested parties can use their camera function to click on the QR code below or go to <u>octreasurer.gov/taxauction</u> and click on the Real Properties or Timeshare Interval headings to be directed to the specific link to the third-party vendor's website. The parcels subject to auction have been delinquent one installment of taxes for at least five years. Delinquent property owners seeking to avoid the auction of their property must pay off (redeem) 100 percent of their taxes and penalties by 5 PM on June 24, 2025.

Registration by June 18th is not required to view the properties on the bidder website, but it is required in order to bid on any properties. At registration, a deposit and a non-refundable \$35 is required. Pre-titling is also required but may be changed if you are a successful bidder. Sign up for tax auction updates by text/email at octreasurer.gov/octaxauctionreminders.

The Tax Collector sets the minimum bids based on the total amount of delinquent taxes, penalties and selling costs. Some liens may not be discharged by the sale, so it is important to check the detailed information on the tax auction website. Owners of a tax-defaulted property may not purchase that property either directly or indirectly at a price below the minimum offered at the auction.

If you also own property in the OC, get reminders when new secured property tax bills are available online and mailed by signing up for texts/emails at <u>octreasurer.gov/eSubscriptions</u>.



