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Michael G. Pappas
San Francisco Interfaith Council
130 Fisher Loop
San Francisco, CA 94129

Dear Mr. Pappas,

I am writing to inform the San Francisco Interfaith Council (SFIC) about the Property Tax Postponement Program (PTPP) being administered by the California State Controller this fall. PTPP is a statewide program that allows eligible homeowners to postpone their property tax payment on their homes. In 2009, the program was suspended due to budget cuts. This year, PTPP will be reinstated to provide relief for struggling homeowners as the cost of living across California continues to rise. For many San Franciscans, paying annual property taxes has become a severe financial hardship, which is why I believe this program to have significant benefits for those it helps.

The purpose of the program is to allow low-income seniors, blind, and disabled homeowners with an annual household income of \$35,500 or less to postpone payment of property taxes on their home. Applications for the PTPP are available starting September 1st on the California State Controller's website at http://www.sco.ca.gov/ardtax_prop_tax_postponement.html and will be accepted beginning October 1st. Funding for the program is limited, so applications are encouraged to be submitted soon if interested. For more information, you can contact the CA State Controller by calling toll free, 1-800-952-5661.

The faith community is an important and trusted pillar here in San Francisco, particularly among our City's seniors, and so I appreciate the opportunity to partner with SFIC to share the news about this program. Given SFIC's long history of service and its solid foundation of relationships with the diverse faith community of our City, I hope you will assist me in spreading the word about this program to those who need it.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carmen Chu".

Carmen Chu
Assessor-Recorder