

SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT BALLOT PROCEDURES

If you are the owner of the property described on the enclosed ballot, or the authorized representative of the record owner, you may submit the enclosed ballot to the City to support or oppose the proposed Assessment changes. Please follow the instructions below to complete and return your ballot.

1. Register your vote on the enclosed ballot in favor or against the proposed Assessment changes by placing an "X" in the corresponding box.
2. Mark and sign your ballot in pen. (Assessment Ballots received without a signature will not be counted.) Do not use pencil.
3. Fold your ballot and place it into the provided return envelope, and seal the envelope.
4. Deliver your ballot to the City Clerk of the City of Santa Clarita as follows:
 - Mail your ballot to the City Clerk, PO Box 925, Santa Clarita, CA 91380-9025. The City **must** receive mailed assessment ballots by September 8, 2009. **Postmarks will not be accepted.**
 - Hand-deliver your ballot to the City Clerk at 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Suite 304, Santa Clarita, CA 91355, during regular business hours.
5. Assessment Ballots must be received by the City Clerk prior to the close of the Public Hearing concerning the proposed Assessment Changes on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at the Santa Clarita City Hall Council Chambers. Any ballots received after the close of the Public Hearing cannot legally be counted.
6. Following the close of the Public Hearing, the City Clerk or designee will tabulate the assessment ballots received. The ballots are weighted by the maximum assessment amount for each property. (Simplified, this means one vote per each dollar of assessment.)
7. The Assessment Changes may be confirmed unless a majority protest exists. A majority protest exists if, upon the close of the September 8, 2009 Public Hearing, the monetary value of the ballots submitted in opposition to the Assessment Changes exceeds the monetary value of the ballots submitted in favor of the Assessment Changes.
8. If a majority protest exists based upon the value of the ballots received by the City Clerk prior to the close of the September 8, 2009 Public Hearing, the Assessment changes will not occur.
9. Your assessment ballot is not confidential and may be subject to public disclosure.

The information in this notice and the accompanying materials were compiled and is distributed at public expense by the City of Santa Clarita in compliance with Proposition 218. This information is presented in the public interest. It is not intended to influence or attempt to influence the actions of the property owners to mark "yes" or "no" on the enclosed ballot.