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TO COUNTY ASSESSORS:

RESTRICTION OF INFORMATION POSTED ON INTERNET

The Governor recently signed into law Assembly Bill 2005 (Chapter 472, Statutes of 2006), which further restricts information that can be posted on the Internet. Existing Government Code section 6254.21, subdivisions (a) and (f)(13) prohibit any state or local agency from posting on the Internet the home address or telephone number of any public safety official without first obtaining the written permission of that individual.¹ A "public safety official" is defined in Government Code section 6254.24.

Effective January 1, 2007, Chapter 472 amends section 6254.24 to extend this prohibition to the following public safety officials:

- United States Attorney and the Federal Public Defender
- State and federal judges and court commissioners
- Certain employees of Attorney General, district attorney, or public defender
- Certain employees of the California Department of Justice
- Certain probation officers
- Certain employees of a police or sheriff's office who testify as expert witnesses

These Government Code sections restrict information posted on the Internet. They do not apply to the copy of the assessment roll that is located in an assessor's office or accessible through computer terminals located in county offices or affect the contents of the assessment roll. Revenue and Taxation Code section 602 specifies the contents of the assessment roll, and Revenue and Taxation Code section 408 requires that certain information be identified on the assessment roll.

These code sections do not affect the sale of the assessment roll to companies that collect data. Other subparagraphs of Government Code section 6254.21 place restrictions on individuals and businesses from posting certain information on the Internet.

¹ See Letter To Assessors No. 2005/081.

Enclosed is a copy of Government Code section 6254.24 in strike-out and underline format. Although this is not an assessment issue per se, we want to make you aware of this legislation and hopefully help you prevent any conflict. If you have any questions, please contact our Technical Services Unit at 916-445-4982.

Sincerely,

/s/Dean Kinnee for

David J. Gau
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Enclosure

Government Code Section 6254.24 as amended by Chapter 472, Statutes of 2006:

6254.24. As used in this chapter, "public safety official" means the following:

- (a) An active or retired peace officer as defined in Sections 830 and 830.1 of the Penal Code.
- (b) An active or retired public officer or other person listed in Sections 1808.2 and 1808.6 of the Vehicle Code.
- (c) An "elected or appointed official" as defined in subdivision ~~(e)~~ (f) of Section 6254.21.
- (d) ~~Attorneys~~ An attorney employed by the Department of Justice, the State Public Defender, or a county office of the district attorney or public defender, the United States Attorney, or the Federal Public Defender.
- (e) ~~City attorneys~~ A city attorney and attorneys an attorney who represent cities in criminal matters.
- (f) ~~Specified employees~~ A specified employee of the Department of Corrections, the California Youth Authority, and the Prison Industry Authority and Rehabilitation who supervise ~~supervises~~ inmates or are is required to have a prisoner in their his or her care or custody.
- (g) ~~Nonsworn employees~~ A sworn or nonsworn employee who supervise supervises inmates in a city police department, a county sheriff's office, the Department of the California Highway Patrol, federal, state, and or a local detention facilities facility, and a local juvenile halls, camps, ranches, and homes hall, camp, ranch, or home, and a probation officer as defined in Section 830.5 of the Penal Code.
- (h) ~~Federal prosecutors and~~ A federal prosecutor, a federal criminal investigators investigator, and a National Park Service Rangers Ranger working in California.
- (i) The surviving spouse or child of a peace officer defined in Section 830 of the Penal Code, if the peace officer died in the line of duty.
- (j) State and federal judges and court commissioners.
- (k) An employee of the Attorney General, a district attorney, or a public defender who submits verification from the Attorney General, district attorney, or public defender that the employee represents the Attorney General, district attorney, or public defender in matters that routinely place that employee in personal contact with persons under investigation for, charged with, or convicted of, committing criminal acts.
- (l) A nonsworn employee of the Department of Justice or a police department or sheriff's office that, in the course of his or her employment, is responsible for collecting, documenting, and preserving physical evidence at crime scenes, testifying in court as an expert witness, and other technical duties, and a nonsworn employee that, in the course of his or her employment, performs a variety of standardized and advanced laboratory procedures in the examination of physical crime evidence, determines their results, and provides expert testimony in court.