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Title: PROPERTY TAX SOLICITATION BY A PRIVATE COMPANY

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According to Solano County Assessor-Recorder Marc Tonnesen, there is another private company out there soliciting Solano County homeowners to pay a fee for a service that the Assessor-Recorder's office provides for free. In addition to charging a fee, this company is asking for your social security number. Tonnesen says, "I urge Solano County property owners to not pay for this service which my office will provide free of charge. And always be cautious whenever asked to provide your social security number to anyone."

According to Tonnesen, the company is called Property Tax Assessor Records Corp and they are offering to file a homeowner's exemption form on your behalf for a fee. "Don't pay this fee", Tonnesen says. By law, this exemption is available to an eligible owner of a dwelling which is occupied as the owner's principal place of residence as of January 1 of each year or to an eligible owner of a dwelling subject to supplemental assessment. The state-approved form, available through the Assessor's office, requires that you provide your social security number, which by law the Assessor must keep confidential, according to Tonnesen. The exemption saves homeowners a maximum of \$70 per year in property taxes.

Tonnesen says, "If you receive this solicitation, do not reply. Contact my office and we will assist you with homeowner's exemption information."

You may obtain a Homeowners Exemption form by calling the Assessor's office at (707) 784-6210 or visiting us at 675 Texas Street, Suite 2700, Fairfield, CA 94533. You may address mail to this address as well. If you have access to a computer you may obtain a form from the Assessor/Recorder website at <http://www.solanocounty.com/resources/AssessorRecorder/boe-266-eng.pdf>

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