HERO or **PACE** Loans

HERO – Home Energy Renovation Program is the #1 energy efficiency financing program in the United States. HERO partners with local governments to make energy efficient, water efficient, and renewable energy products more affordable for homeowners.

PACE – Property Assessed Clean Energy is a simple and effective way to finance energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water conservation upgrades to buildings. PACE can pay for new heating and cooling systems, lighting improvements, solar panels, water pumps, insulation, and more for almost any property – homes, commercial, industrial, non-profit, and agricultural.

More and more, Californian's are taking advantage of these types of energy efficient financing programs.

Some things you should know when buying or selling a home that may have one of these loans are as follows:

- The loans are rolled into property taxes so there is no separate payment for them. Assessments are collected with county taxes and may be prepaid.
- They are attached to the property and are transferred to buyers upon sale.
- New owners are responsible for repayment of the loan.

- Sellers are forgetting to disclose these loans.
- Some lenders will not lend on properties with HERO or PACE loans on them.
- HERO or PACE loans are not always easy to spot on a Preliminary Title Report.

Below are some Q&A regarding HERO:

- Q) How is the HERO Program different than other forms of financing?
- A) HERO offers property owners the benefit of energy-efficient products for a low monthly cost and the interest on the financing is tax-deductible. Additionally, if the property is sold before the HERO Financing is paid in full, the remaining payments can likely be transferred to a new property owner.
- Q) How is the government involved?
- **A)** HERO is provided through a public/private partnership with local governments. HERO provides all of the infrastructure and funding to support the Program and payments are then collected along with your property taxes.
- Q) Who can apply for the HERO Program?
- **A)** HERO is available to property owners in many local communities. Check to see if your property is eligible online at: www.heroprogram.com

- Q) What are the eligibility requirements?
- A) You must be current on property taxes for the last 12 months and not late more than once over the prior 3 years. You must be current on your mortgage for the last 12 months and no bankruptcies for the past 7 years. No involuntary liens and you must have a minimum of 10% equity in the property.
- Q) Is there a minimum & maximum financing cost?
- **A)** We require \$5,000 minimum financing and maximum financing up to 15% of your property value.
- Q) What products and services are eligible?
- A) HERO is available for a wide array of home energy products. Typical projects that would be covered include: solar photovoltaic (PV) systems; air conditioning and heating (HVAC); water heaters; cool roof systems; windows, skylights, and doors; air sealing and weatherization; insulation; pool equipment; indoor energy efficient light fixtures; and water efficiency measures. To explore 900,000+ approved product models, go to: www.heroprogram.com

Visit the following sites for more detailed information and to see if the program(s) are available in your area: https://www.heroprogram.com/faq and http://www.pacenow.org/about-pace/

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HERO Financing Sample Property Tax Bill

RIVERSIDE COUNTY SECURED PROPERTY TAX BILL For Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 Offices in Riverside, Palm Springs and Temecula

To send us an e-mail, visit our Website: www.riversidetaxinfo.com IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON REVERSE SIDE

3921900 Data

.19 ACRES M/L IN LOT 8 MB 344/024 TR 2964

Address 999 WHITE RD MURRIETA 92562 Owner, JANUARY 1, 2012 SMITH, JOHN

> SMITH, JOHN 999 WHITE RD MURRIETA, CA 92562-507

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Tax bill requested by 5688-0000000

Loan Identification 0413213828

Multiple Bills

CHARGES LEVIED BY TAXING AGENCIES (See Item #4 on reverse)		AMOUNT
1% TAX LIMIT PER PROP 13		2118.00
MURRIETA UNIFIED B & I	(951) 696-1600	259.20
METRO WATER EAST 1301999	(213) 217-7619	7.41
FLD CNTL STORMWATER/CLEANWATER	(800) 439-6553@	4.00
CSA 152-MURRIETA STORMWATER	(888) 683-5234@	6.00
MURRIETA CSD	(866) 807-6864@	23.83
MURRIETA PARKS & REC	(866) 807-6864@	27.00
MURRIETA FIRE PROTECTION	(866) 807-6864@	24.00
MURRIETA L&L 15	(866) 807-6864@	69.83
MURRIETA CFD 2000-1 GREER RANCH	(866) 807-6864@	910.86
MWD STANDBY EAST	(866) 807-6864@	4.16
EMWD STANDBY-COMBINED CHARGE,	(951) 928-3777@	4.00
ELS VAL MWD CFD 2003-2	(949) 955-1500@	282.14
WRCOG HERO FINANCING	(800) 969-4381@	2380.00

HERO First Payment Due: November 2013

DON KENT, TREASURER

4080 Lemon St (1st Floor) Riverside, California (P.O. Box 12005, Riverside, CA 92502-2205)

Telephone: (951) 955-3900 or, from area codes 951 and 760 only toll free: 1 (877) RIVCOTX (748-2689)

ASSESSMENT NUMBER 3921900 Tax Rate Area Bill Number 024-277 000760383

O 09/18/2012 All questions about ownership, values or exemptions must be directed to the Riverside County Assessor at (951) 955-6200.

UNPAID PRIOR-YEAR TAXES

(See Item #6 on reverse)

NONE

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	LAND STRUCTURES TRADE FIXTURES TREES & VINES		35,000 179,000
	BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY		
	FULL VALUE EXEMPTIONS	нох	214,000 7,000
	NET VALUE TAX RATE PER \$100	VALUE	207,000 1.126
	TAXES Special Assessments & Fixed Charges		\$2,330.57 \$3,735.83
	TOTAL AMOUNT		\$6,066.40
	\$3,033.20	\$	3,033.20
Add 10% penalty a 12/10/20	after	Add 10% penalty plus after 04/10/2	

When insuring your property with Equity Title, you will find our attention to detail and our proactive approach on your transaction valuable to you and your clients!