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### **Los Angeles Superior Court Los Angeles County**

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## FINES FOR 2008 (AND OLDER) TRAFFIC TICKETS MAY BE DISCOUNTED 50% IN CALIFORNIA

Until June 30, 2012, the state of California is offering a 50 percent discount on traffic fines – and some misdemeanors -- from 2008 and earlier for qualifying citation holders. Known as "California's Amnesty Program for Traffic Tickets," the offer may affect more than one million aging traffic citations issued in Los Angeles County.

Eligible traffic and non-traffic infractions for both adult and juvenile citations and misdemeanors for failure to appear in court, failure to pay an infraction fine, and failure to appear for a nonvehicle code violation are included in the program. Parking tickets are not included in the discount program.

GC Services, the Los Angeles Superior Court's collection agency, will accept the discounted payments by telephone (1-800-939-0121 or 1-800-939-8068 for assistance in Spanish), online at <a href="www.caticketamnesty.com">www.caticketamnesty.com</a>, by mail or at GC Service payment windows in 28 Los Angeles Superior Court courthouses. Payment must be made in one lump sum and cover the total amount currently owed, less 50 percent.

Eligibility for the discount depends on meeting all following requirements:

- The outstanding traffic debt was due before Jan. 1, 2009;
- The most recent fine payment was made prior to Jan. 1, 2009;
- Ticketholder failed to appear in court or pay in full;
- Ticketholder owes no restitution on any case within L.A. County; and
- Ticketholder has no criminal misdemeanor or felony warrants in L.A.County.

Anyone making a payment on a pre-2009 citation after Jan. 1, 2009, is not eligible to participate in the program.

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Citations for reckless driving, driving under the influence, and reckless driving causing bodily injury are not eligible for the discount.

Payments can be made or questions about qualifying can be answered by contacting GC Services via the following:

• Phone: (800) 939-0121 English, or (800) 939-8068 Spanish

 Mail: GC Services P.O Box 7835

Baldwin Park, CA 91706-7835

• Online: www.caticketamnesty.com

Walk-In: At any court location with a GC Services payment window.

Additional information regarding the program or questions regarding the law or its implementation should be directed to the Administrative Office of the Courts at:

455 Golden Gate Avenue

San Francisco, CA 94102-3688

Phone: 415-865-4200

http://www.courts.ca.gov/15831.htm

#### Courthouses with GC Services payment windows are as follows:

Alhambra, 150 W. Commonwealth:

Bellflower, 10025 E. Flower St.;

Beverly Hills, 9355 Burton Way;

Burbank, 300 E. Olive;

Chatsworth, 9425 Penfield Ave.;

Compton, 200 W. Compton Blvd.;

Downey, 7500 E. Imperial Highway;

East Los Angeles, 4848 East Civic Center Way;

El Monte, 11234 E. Valley Blvd.;

Glendale, 600 E. Broadway;

Hollywood, 5925 Hollywood Blvd.;

Huntington Park, 6548 Miles Ave;

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Inglewood, One Regent St.;

Long Beach, 415 W. Ocean Blvd.;

Malibu, 23525 W. Civic Center Way;

Metropolitan, 1945 S. Hill St., Los Angeles;

Michael D. Antonovich Antelope Valley, 42011 Fourth St., Lancaster;

Pasadena, 300 E. Walnut Ave.;

Pomona North, 350 W. Mission Blvd.;

San Fernando, 900 Third St.;

San Pedro, 505 S. Centre St.;

Santa Clarita, 23747 Valencia Blvd.;

Santa Monica, 1725 Main St.;

Torrance, 825 Maple Ave.;

Van Nuys West, 14400 Erwin Street Mall;

West Covina, 1427 West Covina Parkway;

West Los Angeles, 1633 Purdue Ave.;

Whittier, 7339 S. Painter Ave.