



## Treasurer Russ Joseph Completes Best Collection since 2001

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Dayton, Ohio – In his first year on the job, Treasurer Russ Joseph has led Montgomery County to the best property tax collection since 2001 by collecting 96.67% of current Montgomery County property taxes.

When you include both rollbacks and Homestead exemptions, the Treasurer’s office brought in \$852,172,121 in current taxes and another \$47,389,247 million in TIF and special assessments.

“I could not be prouder of my hard working staff. Thanks to their tireless work and the improvements we’ve made to customer service, this year’s collection is the best in at least 17 years.” Said Treasurer Russ Joseph.

Since taking office, Treasurer Joseph has prioritized making it as easy as possible for property owners to pay their taxes. He has challenged his staff to come up with innovative ways to assist property owners in making their payments.

“I took office just as first half property tax collection was beginning and I knew immediately we needed to make changes to make it more convenient for property owners to pay their property taxes” said Joseph

One popular innovation introduced by Treasurer Joseph was the new Fast Pay Line which allowed customers paying by check to skip the normal cashier line and drop their check off at a new check processing station in the office. With this innovation, lines were reduced not only for those paying by checks but for all customers paying their taxes in person.

Treasurer Joseph has also prioritized collecting delinquent property taxes. This year under his leadership the Treasurer’s office collected \$29,488,254 in delinquent property taxes and \$3,119,924.26 in delinquent TIF and special assessments, the most collected since 2006.

“It is every property owner’s responsibility to stay current on their property taxes. In the unfortunate event they have fallen behind, my office will work with them to help set up a payment plan to get them back on track.” said Joseph.

When taking into account both delinquent and current taxes, the Montgomery County Treasurer’s office has collected \$932,169,546 in 2019 for local schools, police, fire, and human services all across the county. This reflects a collection rate of over 100% when taking into account the delinquent dollars collected, which is an extremely high collection rate that is rarely achieved.

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