

I would like to address the following that has been points of contention for the last few month, some of which of some Board members are still trying to understand:

- 1) Trying to apply Prop 13 rules and it's limitations to Prop 8 situations is an instant fail. The 2% increase limitation that Prop 13 applies to property values is not applicable to Prop 8 increases. Due to time constraints today, I do not have the time to explain the why's to this, but, with my bosses permission, in the future I would be glad to explain it to the board and the public if it would make things easier.
- 2) The second point of contention is that those of us in the Assessor's Office have taken several hostile telephone calls or had meetings with tax payers thanks to board members telling their constituents information that is incorrect, especially over Prop 8 rules and then informing their constituents to either call or come to our office to raise hell over it. I want to make this clear. As an appraiser, I am allowed to, by law, set only two valuations on a residential parcel. It is the lower of Fair Market Value or Prop 13 numbers. Doing anything else would be nothing less than committing fraud. Anyone telling a constituent to demand of us to change our values is encouraging us to do fraud. I'm here today to tell you that's not going to happen. Neither myself, nor the chief appraiser, nor the Assessor are going to let that happen, ever so please stop wasting our time with such antics. There are procedures to request a decline in value and yelling and throwing a temper tantrum isn't a part of that.

The events of the last few months regarding property taxes have not been fun for any of us. None of us wants to see people seriously impacted by increases in property taxes, but shooting the messenger is never the answer.

I can say that I am sorry that my predecessors were unable or unwilling to do even the basics of their jobs which created this horrific situation. Add to it, the ramifications to my department for their actions will last for years moving forward. In my review of 100's of properties sold or transferred prior to the current crew's arrival, I have yet to find a single appraisal that would meet even the most rudimentary of BOE requirements and have left us scrambling, trying to figure out how valuation was determined.

The goal of the current crew is to keep move forward, cleaning up the messes as we find them until we have our department purring like a kitten, doing so with full transparency to both you the board and the tax payers that we work for.

I am available at your earliest convenience should you have any questions of me regarding what I have said. I appreciate your time in this matter.

Thank you