# ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD Public Education Program

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### OUR GOAL

The Assessment Appeals Board was established by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to serve on behalf of the State Board Of Equalization.

The Goal of the Assessment Appeals Board's Public Education Program is to educate Los Angeles County taxpayers about the assessment appeals process and how to prepare for the appeal hearing.





### PROPERTY TAX SYSTEMS

- Locates all taxable properties and identifies ownership
- Completes the assessment roll and establishes assessed property values
- Name and address changes
- Applies legal exclusions

Assessor Auditor-Controller

- Applies appropriate tax rates to calculate property tax owed based on assessed values
- Place direct assessments on tax bill
- Allocates collected tax to over 900 local agencies
- Processes and mails refunds after property reduction

- Receives and processes applications for assessment appeals
- Assessment Appeals Board and Hearing Officers conduct appeals hearings to establish the assessed value of real and personal property on tax roll

Assessment Appeals Board Treasurer & Tax Collector

- Mails out property tax bills and collects and deposits payments to County Treasury
- Posts payments and amounts
- Processes delinquent taxes
- Tax Defaulted Properties –
   Public Auction
- Refunds Overpayment of taxes due (non-value related)





### WHAT WE WILL COVER TODAY

#### 1.THE APPEALS PROCESS

- A. Reasons for filing
- B. Filing Periods

#### 2.PREPARING FOR THE HEARING

A. Collecting evidence for your appeal

#### 3.THE HEARING

- A. Virtual or In Person Hearings
- B. Applicant's Responsibilities
- C. What happens during the hearing
- D. What happens after the hearing

4.OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION





# THE APPEALS PROCESS Why / When / How Applicants file for an Appeal







### COMMON REASONS FOR FILING AN APPEAL

# COMMON REASONS FOR FILING AN ASSESSMENT APPEAL ARE DUE TO CONDITIONS SET FORTH BY PROPOSITION 8 AND 13:

- Decline in Value on property
- Change in ownership
- Completed new construction
- New construction partially completed on the lien date (January 1st)





## PROPOSITION 13 (REASSESSABLE EVENT)

- Pursuant to Proposition 13, real property is reassessed upon a change in ownership or when new construction occurs. The new assessed value created by either event is called the "base year value."
- After establishing a new base year value, and until the next reassessable event, the Assessor
  can only increase that value by the rate of inflation indicated by the California Consumer Price
  Index (CCPI), not to exceed a maximum of 2 percent per year.

#### The following are considered reassessable events:

- 1. Change in ownership.
- 2. Completed new construction.
- 3. New construction partially completed on the lien date (January 1st).





# HOW PROPOSITION 13 AFFECTS ASSESSED VALUES

A COMPARISON OF TWO HOMES:	HOUSE A	HOUSE B
2019 Base Year Value	\$400,000	\$400,000
2020 (Assessed value reflects the Prop 13 inflationary increase)	\$408,000	\$408,000
2021 (House B is Sold)	\$416,160	\$659,000 *Established as the new Base Year Value for 2021
2022 (Assessed value reflects the Prop 13 inflationary increase)	\$424,483	\$672,180

<sup>\*</sup> The difference in Assessed values is caused by Proposition 13





## PROPOSITION 8 (Decline-In-Value)

- Proposition 8 is a State Constitutional Amendment established in 1978 to allow temporary property value reductions under certain circumstances
  - Decline in market value
  - Obsolescence and deferred maintenance

#### WHEN APPEALING PROPOSITION 8:

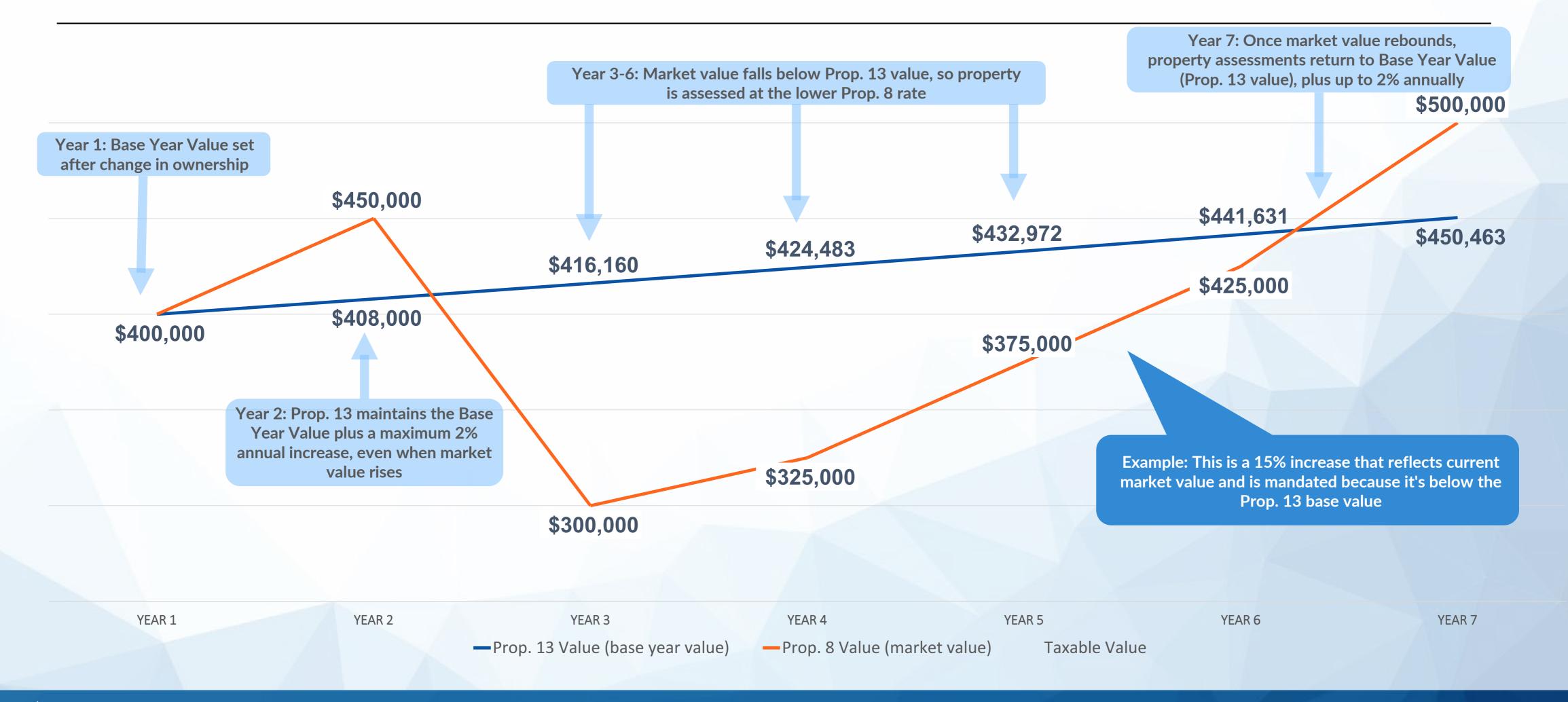
You must demonstrate that on January 1st, the market value of your property was less than its current assessed value.

• Keep in Mind – If you are granted a reduction under Proposition 8(DIV), it only affects the assessment year/tax bill that was filed on. To be considered for a decline-in value for the following year you must file another appeal.





# HOW PROPOSITIONS 8 & 13 AFFECT YOUR PROPERTY TAXES







# INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPEAL PROPOSITION 8 – DECLINE-IN-VALUE

Both the Assessment Appeals Board and the Assessor provide a Proposition 8, decline-in-value, application process available to taxpayers to apply online, by mail, or in person.

Assessment Appeals Board (AAB):

July 2 – November 30\*

Apply online at: <a href="mailto:bos.lacounty.gov">bos.lacounty.gov</a>

Form name:

**Assessment Appeal Application (AAB-100)** 

Formal appeals process. Applicant or representative is scheduled for a hearing to present evidence to support filing.

Assessor's Office:

July 2 – November 30\*

Apply online at: assessor.lacounty.gov

Form name:

Decline-In Value Review (RP-87)

Administrative, informal review. Requests comparable sales at time of filing application and notifies taxpayer of the outcome.

It is recommended that the taxpayer file with **both** departments (during the relevant filing periods) to protect your right to an appeal. If you are successful with your application to the Assessor's Office prior to your Assessment Appeals hearing, you may submit a request to withdraw your AAB application in writing.

\*Note: If the last day of the filing period falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, an application that is mailed and postmarked on the next business day will be deemed timely filed.





#### **DECLINE-IN-VALUE REVIEW APPLICATION (RP-87)**

#### LOS ANGELES COUNTY ASSESSOR

Decline-in Value Review Application (RP-87)

assessor.lacounty.gov





#### 2023 Decline-in-Value Review Application

This form MUST be filed between July 3 and November 30, 2023. Applications are valid if postmarked by November 30, 2023. Unfortunately, applications received outside of those dates cannot be processed. You may check the status of your decline-in-value reassessment at any time online at assessor.lacounty.gov/decline-in-value. For assistance, please call 213.974.3211 or 1.888.807.2111.

f your property suffers a "decline-in-value," you may be eligible for a temporary reduction in assessed value. A decline-in-value occurs when the market value of your property is less than the assessed value as of January 1, 2023. The best supporting documentation you can provide is information about the sale of comparable properties. In order to help us assist you, please try of find two comparable sales that sold as close to January 1, 2023 as possible, but no later than March 31, 2023. While the submission of sales is helpful in determining the market value of your property, applications submitted without comparable sales will still be accepted and processed.				
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Please keep a copy of this application for your records and as a reminder to file an assessment appeal if you do not receive the Assessor's findings by October 1, 2023. If you disagree with the Assessor's decline-in-value conclusion, you may file an appeal with the Assessment Appeals Board. The appeal must be filed no later than November 30, 2023.  ASSESSMENT APPEALS (NOT FILED WITH THE ASSESSOR) The Assessment Appeals Board (AAB) is an independent body established to resolve differences of property value opinion				
between the Assessor and property owners. <u>AAB Filing Period</u> : For the 2023 "Regular Assessment Roll" a formal appeal may be filed from July 3 through November 30, 2023. For a "Corrected Assessment Roll" a formal appeal may be filed within 60 days of either (1) the date of mailing printed on the tax bill or (2) the postmark date for the tax bill, whichever is later. <u>Preserve Your Appeal Rights</u> : You may appeal before the applicable deadline without waiting for a response to this claim. Starting July 3, 2023, you may request an application from the Assessment Appeals Board at 213.974.1471 or online at bos.co.la.ca.us. You may withdraw your AAB appeal without penalty, for any reason.				
Agent/Company Name, if applicable (Attaon Agent Authorization)  Agent Daytime Telephone				
Agent Mailing Address (Number/Street/City/State/ZIP)			Agent Email Address	
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MAIL TO: Los Angeles County Assessor, 500 West Temple Street, Room 286, Los Angeles, CA 90012-2770  Office of the Assessor • 213.974.3211 • Website: assessor.lacounty.gov				
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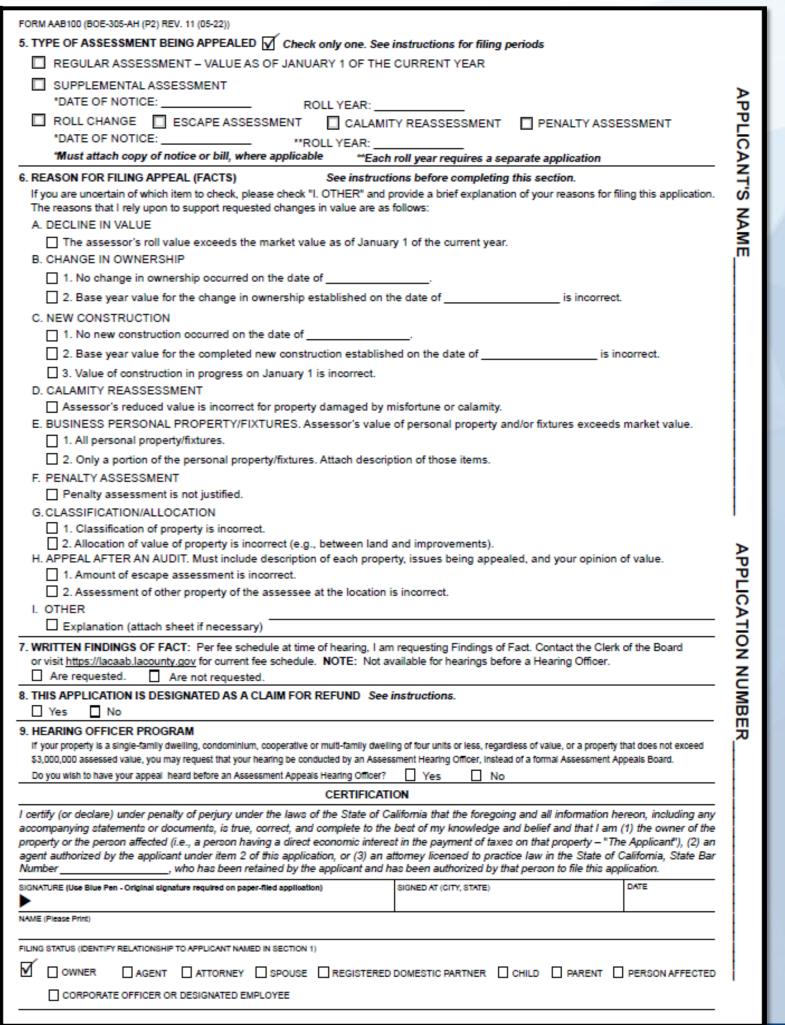
#### LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Assessment Appeal Application (AAB-100)

#### lacaab.lacounty.gov

Effective October 1, 2021, a
Nonrefundable application fee of
\$46 per application must be paid
at the time of filing.
If paying the fee would cause
undue financial hardship, a fee
waiver request form is available
to applicants.

FORM AAB100 (BOE-305-AH (P1) REV. 11 (05-22)  ASSESSMENT APPEAL APPLICAT This form contains all of the requests for information for changed assess complete this application may result in rejection and/or denial of the appeal. Applicants should be additional information if requested by the assessor or hearing. Failure to provide information at the hearing considers necessary may result in the continuance denial of the appeal. Do not attach hearing application. A non-refundable application fee of \$\frac{1}{2}\$ must be paid at the time of filing or a fee wai must be attached see instructions for more information.  1. APPLICANT INFORMATION - PLEASE	rmation that are sment. Failure to of the application prepared to submit at the time of the the appeals board of the hearing or evidence to this 46 per application wer request form on.  PRINT  ASSESS COUI 500 WE LOS Ph (213) Ph (213) (8) Online fill	SMENT APPEALS BOAINTY OF LOS ANGELES ST TEMPLE ST, ROOM 6 ANGELES, CA 90012 1974-1471 / (888) 807-21 00) 735-2929 (TDD) ng: https://lacaab.lacounty.g	RD U B4 S E	DATE RECEIVED  Walk in  By	OFFICE USE ONLY
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AUTHORIZATION OF AGENT  AUTHORIZATION ATTACHED  The following information must be completed (or attached to this application - see instructions) unless the agent is a licensed California attorney as indicated in the Certification section, or a spouse, child, parent, registered domestic partner, or the person affected. If the applicant is a business entity, the agent's authorization must be signed by an officer or authorized employee of the business.					
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# TYPE OF ASSESSMENTS THAT CAN BE APPEALED WITH THE ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD

# 1. ANNUAL TAX BILL / REGULAR ASSESSMENT (SECURED AND UNSECURED TAX BILLS)

File: July 2<sup>nd</sup> - Nov 30<sup>th</sup>

**NOTE:** The Assessor's Office accepts Decline-In-Value Review applications from July 2 – Nov 30 to appeal Proposition 8 only.

# 2. SUPPLEMENTAL TAX BILL / ADJUSTED / ROLL CHANGE / ESCAPE ASSESSMENT TAX BILL (SECURED AND UNSECURED TAX BILLS)

File within 60 days of the mail by date on the notice or tax bill.

# 3. FILING APPEAL ON A MISFORTUNE AND CALAMITY EVENT

File: Within 6 months of the mail date on the notice for calamity reassessment

If your property was damaged due to a natural disaster or other calamity, you should file for a calamity reassessment with the Assessor's Office for tax relief. Once you receive the notice of calamity reassessment from the Assessor's Office and if you disagree with the reassessed value, you may file an appeal with the Assessment Appeals Board (Issue D) within 6 months of the mailing date on the notice of Calamity Reassessment.

Applicant must file a Calamity Reassessment with the Assessor's Office, and received the reassessment notice first before filing an appeal.





## ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX BILL

This is an example of an Annual Tax Bill which is received by Taxpayers every year on or before Nov. 1st from the Treasurer and Tax Collector.

Under this bill, taxpayers can file on any issue including a proposition 8 – Decline-in-Value issue (A) - (During the Regular filing period July 2-Nov 30 of each year.)



ANNUAL SECURED PROPERTY TAX BILL

2022

SECURED PROPERTY TAX FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023

KEITH KNOX, TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

FOR ASSISTANCE, CALL 1(213) 974-2111 OR 1(888) 807-2111, ON THE WEB AT propertytax, Jacounty, gov

ASSESSOR'S ID.NO.: 1234 567 890 22

OWNER OF RECORD AS OF JANUARY 1, 2022

MAILING ADDRESS

2022

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Save Money – Save Time – Pay Online

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ROLL YEAR 22-23

**IMPROVEMENTS** 

VALUATION INFORMATION CURRENT ASSESSED VALUE

TAXABLE VALUE 63.395 150,545 150.545

WEST DISTRICT OFFICE 6120 BRISTOL PARKWAY CULVER CITY CA 90230

PRINT NO.: 000000 BILL ID.:

\$1,398.32

penalty)

ANY RETURNED PAYMENT MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FEE UP TO \$50.00.

2ND (After December 10, 2022, add 10%)

\$1,398.30

After April 10, 2023, add 10% penalty and

1ST

(Include 1st & 2nd stubs if paying by mail)

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION





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LESS EXEMPTION:

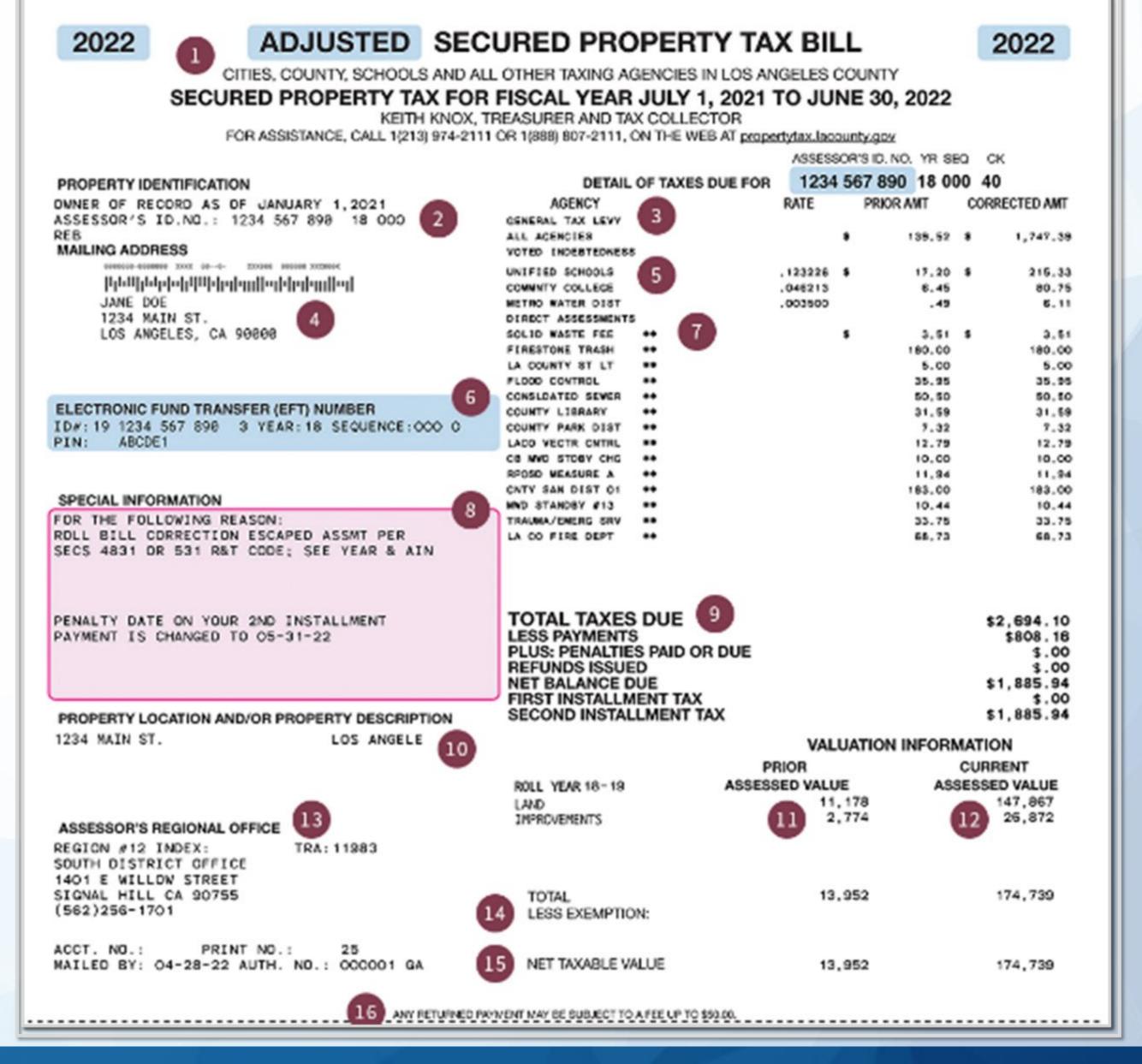
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# ADJUSTED PROPERTY TAX BILL

This is an example of an Adjusted Tax bill

Adjusted Bills are bills that have been adjusted due to subsequent value corrections. Adjusted tax bills can result in either a decrease or an increase in the total tax due. Adjusted bills are mailed at any time during the year; therefore, the due dates vary.

The applicant must file within <u>60 days</u> of the mail by date to appeal the assessment.





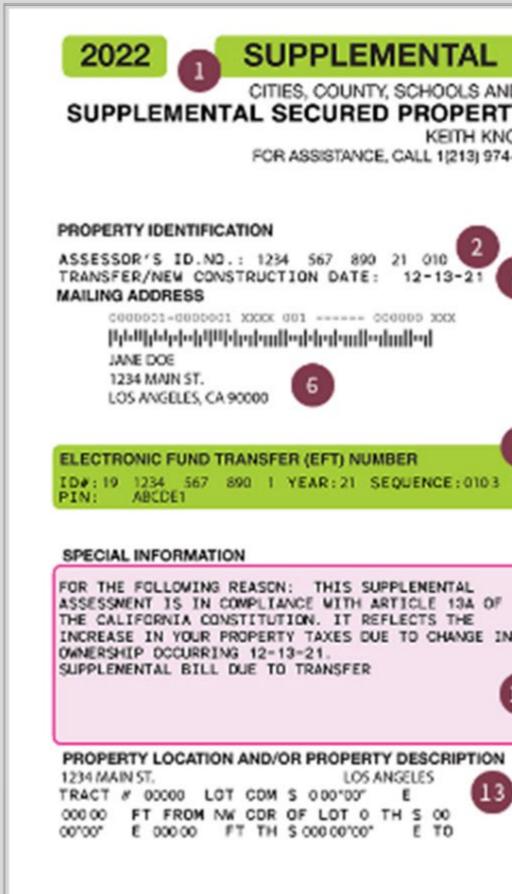


## SUPPLEMENTAL PROPERTY TAX BILL

This is an example of a Supplemental Tax bill generated due to a change in ownership or completion of new construction in accordance with Proposition 13.

(Taxpayers cannot appeal issue "A" -Decline-In-Value since the bill addresses ownership or new construction.)

The applicant must file within 60 days of the mail by date to appeal the assessment.



SUPPLEMENTAL SECURED PROPERTY TAX BILL CITIES, COUNTY, SCHOOLS AND ALL OTHER TAXING AGENCIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPPLEMENTAL SECURED PROPERTY TAX FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022 KEITH KNOX, TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR FOR ASSISTANCE, CALL 1(213) 974-2111 OR 1(888) 807-2111, ON THE WEB AT property/ax/lacounty.gov PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION GENERAL TAX LEV VOTED INDEBTEDNESS TRANSFER/NEW CONSTRUCTION DATE: CITY-LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOLS XXX 000001-0000001 XXXX 001 ----- 000000 XXX COMMNTY COLLEGE METRO WATER DIST

> FULL YEAR SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES DUE PRORATION FACTOR SEE TEXT AUDITOR CONTROLLER PRORATED SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES ADDITIONAL CHARGES NOT SUBJECT TO PRORATION

2022

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SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES DUE FIRST INSTALLMENT TAXES DUE SECOND INSTALLMENT TAXES DUE

05/31/22 09/30/22

ASSESSOR'S ID. NO. YR SEQ CK 1234 567 890 21 010 51

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\$4,462.99 \$4,462.99

VALUATION INFORMATION

ASSESSOR'S REGIONAL OFFICE

REGION #00 INDEX: TRA:00000 NDRTH DISTRICT OFFICE 13800 BALBOA BLVD.

CO AUTH. NO.: COCCOO AA

MAILED BY: 04-28-22

LESS EXEMPTION:

NET SUPPLEMENTAL VALUE

1,519,047

1,519,047







## UNSECURED PROPERTY TAX BILL

This is an example of an Unsecured Tax bill, issued for "unsecured" property which typically includes business, personal property, vessels, boats, and aircraft.

An Unsecured tax bill can be issued for regular or escape assessments.



#### **UNSECURED PROPERTY TAX BILL**

LOS ANGELES COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR 225 NORTH HILL ST., ROOM 122, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 FOR ASSISTANCE CALL 1(213) 893-7935, ON THE WEB AT propertytax.lacounty.gov



UNSECURED PROPERTY TAX FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023

LE OR DISPOSAL OF THIS PROPERTY AFTER JANUARY 1, 2022 DOES NOT RELIEVE THE ASSESSEE OF THIS TAX

1234 MAIN ST.

LOS ANGELES, CA 90000

SITUS OR LOCATION:

2022 BILL NUMBER 12345678

THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO COLLECT THE TAXES FOR ALL SCHOOL DIS

0001001001 12345678 CONCERNING VALUES TO: 1(213) 974-8613

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**FULL VALUE** 

80969

TOTAL

80969

GENERAL TAX LEVY AND VOTED INDEBTEDNESS



TAXING AGENCY	RATE	AMOUNT
GENERAL TAX LEVY ALL AGENCIES	1.000000	\$ 809.69
VOTED INDEBTEDNES	SS	
UNIFIED SCHOOLS	.066924	54.19
COMMNTY COLLEGE	.043759	35.43
METRO WATER DIST	.003500	2.83
TOTAL VOTED INDEB	TEDNESS	\$ 92.45
TOTAL TAX	1.114183	\$ 902.14

TOTAL TAX

902.14

08/31/2022





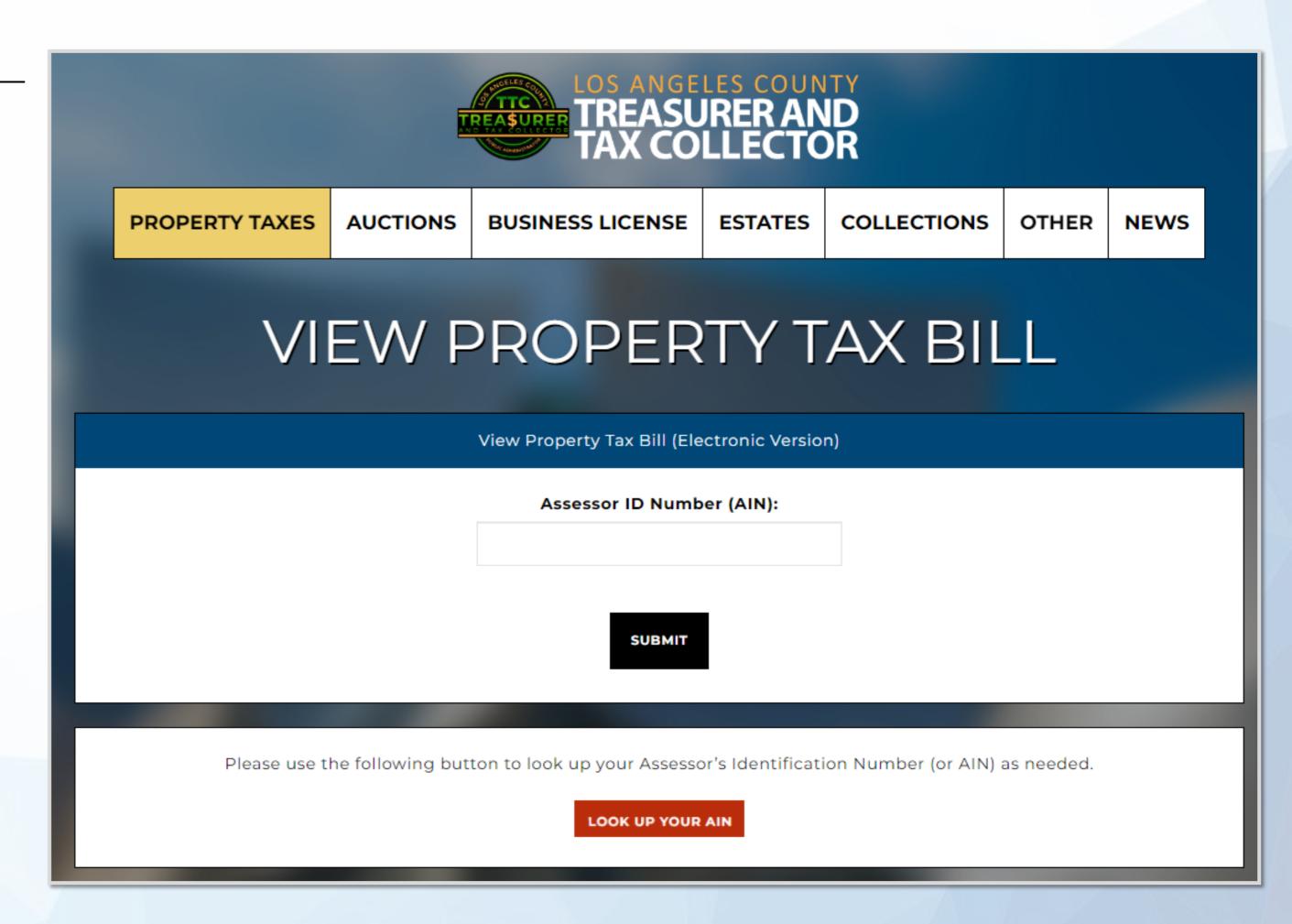




# NEED A COPY OF YOUR PROPERTY TAX BILL?

A copy of your <u>secured</u> property tax bill is available to at the Treasurer and Tax Collector's website:

https://ttc.lacounty.gov/request-duplicate-bill/







# FILING PERIODS TO SUBMIT ASSESSMENT APPEAL APPLICATION

July 2<sup>nd</sup> – Nov 30<sup>th</sup>

Annual Tax Bill (Regular Assessment) Within 60 Days of Mail Date on Notice or Bill

- Supplemental TaxBill
- Adjusted/RollChange
- Escape Assessment

Within 6 Months of Mail Date on Notice

- CalamityReassessment
  - Must file an application for Reassessment Property Damaged or Destroyed by Misfortune or Calamity

\*Please Note: If the final filing date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, an application that is mailed and postmarked on the next business day shall be deemed to have been filed timely.





### KEEP IN MIND...

# FILING AN APPEAL DOES NOT WAIVE THE TAXPAYER'S OBLIGATION TO PAY THE TAX BILL(S) BY THE DUE DATE.

- You are required to pay your property taxes timely despite any appeal you have pending.
- Failure to do so will result in late payment penalties and interest charges by the Treasurer and Tax Collector.





# PREPARING FOR YOUR HEARING

Collecting Evidence for your Appeal







### COLLECTING EVIDENCE FOR THE HEARING

The following factors can assist you in identifying evidence to support your appeal.

- 1. VALUATION DATE
- 2. PHYSICAL PROPERTY







## VALUATION DATE

EVENT	VALUATION DATE
DECLINE IN VALUE	January 1 <sup>st</sup> (must be owner or lessee on record)  Relevant comparable sales dates:  May be any time before the valuation date (January 1 <sup>st</sup> ) but may not exceed ninety (90) days after the valuation date (March 31 <sup>st</sup> ).
CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP	Actual date of transfer  Relevant comparable sales dates: May be any time prior to the transfer date, but no later than ninety (90) days after the actual date of transfer.
NEW CONSTRUCTION	Date of Completion
PARTIAL COMPLETION OF NEW CONSTRUCTION	Lien date (January 1st)





### PHYSICAL PROPERTY

- Location
- Distance from the property
- Year Built
- Property condition –
   Excellent, Good, Fair or Poor
- The number of bedrooms
   and bathrooms
- Lot size and other attributes View,
   Proximity to Mountain,
   lake or golf course.

- Miscellaneous improvements –
   Pools, Patios, etc.
- Size of improvement,
   such as a house in square feet
- Quality of Construction
- Zoning
- Site location –
   Located or adjacent to
   a commercial or industrial areas.

Helpful Tip: Drive by and take pictures of comparable properties.





# METHODS THAT CAN BE USED TO PREPARE FOR THE HEARING

The following are common methods used for establishing Fair market value:

- Comparable Sales
- Income Approach
- New Construction
- Personal Property





### THE COMPARABLE SALES APPROACH TO VALUE

- The comparable sales approach to value is the most common and reliable type of evidence used to support an opinion of "fair market value"; particularly for single family residences. If the opinion of value is to be supported with evidence of comparable sales, the properties sold shall be described by the Assessor's parcel number, street address or legal description sufficient to identify them.
- There are three general criteria used to evaluate the "comparability" of a property:
  - 1. The sale of the property must be an arms-length open market transaction.
  - 2. The "comparable" property must be similar to yours based on size, quality, age, condition, utility, amenities, site location, legally permitted use and other physical attributes; and
  - 3. The date of the sale of the comparable property may be any time prior to the valuation date; but cannot occur more than 90 days after the valuation date of your property (the date for which the fair market value of your property is being determined).





### WHAT COMPARABLE SALES DATES DO I BRING?

Decline-in-Value Appeal (Issue A)

Filed appeal In 2023 On the 2023 annual tax bill Hearing set following year, i.e.: 2024 or 2025

COMPARABLE SALE DATES
SHOULD STILL BE FOR THE 2023
TAX YEAR:

no later than March 31, 2023 and anytime Before January 1, 2023

**General Rule – 90 days before and after January 1st** 





# SOURCES FOR FINDING COMPARABLE REAL ESTATE SALES

- Real estate Brokers and/or Agents (the Multiple Listing Service)
- Internet <u>assessor.lacounty.gov</u> Click on "View Property Maps and Data"

costar.com

redfin.com

zillow.com

trulia.com

- County Records Sales lists are available in the Assessor's downtown and regional office locations
- Appraisals:

Specific data within Appraisals will not be considered unless the Appraiser is present to testify, otherwise, the Board will only consider the raw data (comparables within the Appraisal) during the hearing.





<sup>\*</sup>Accuracy of data should be verified when using internet sites.

### INCOME APPROACH

- The income approach to value is used when the property has been purchased in anticipation of the money, income, that it will generate. An apartment building, purchased to generate rental income, would be an example of when the income approach to value would be appropriate.
- To support your opinion of value using evidence based on an income approach; the gross income, allowable expenses, capitalization method (direct capitalization or discounted cash flow analysis) and the rate or rates employed should be presented.



#### COST APPROACH

- •The cost approach to value establishes a "fair market value" for a property based on what it would cost to build or replace the structure. This approach may be useful in supporting the fair market value of a newly constructed building, or an addition to an existing building. In addition to the direct cost of construction, costs would include indirect costs such as cost of financing, property taxes paid during construction, and a reasonable allowance for entrepreneurial services.
- •If the opinion of value is to be supported with evidence of replacement cost, there shall be presented:
  - With regard to improvements to real property: the date of construction, type of construction, and replacement cost of construction.
- •With regard to machinery and equipment: the date of installation, replacement cost, and any history of extraordinary use regarding both improvements and machinery and equipment: facts relating to depreciation, including any functional or economic obsolescence, and remaining economic life.





### PERSONAL PROPERTY APPROACH

- In general, Business Personal Property is all property owned or leased by a business except Real Property and Inventory items. Business Personal Property often includes, but is not limited to machinery, computers, equipment (e.g., FAX machines, photocopiers), telephones, furniture (e.g., desks, chairs, bookcases, and supplies.
- •The most common method used is the cost of acquiring the personal property compared to what it would cost if it were purchased within a reasonable time before or after the lien date.
- •At the hearing you will need to present evidence regarding the initial cost of the property, when it was acquired, its condition on the lien date, and its functional and/or economic obsolescence. For more information, call the Assessor's Personal Property Division at (213) 974-8613
- •Comparable sales for personal property may be used in the case of **boats** or **aircraft**. Sales should be reasonably close to the lien date and have occurred on the open market. The sales price should be verified with the buyer, seller, broker, or salesperson. For more information on acquiring evidence for this type of property, contact the Assessor's Marine/Aircraft Division at (213) 974-3119.





## HAVING TROUBLE FINDING COMPARABLES...

- Vacant Land
- Income/Commercial Property
- If there are no recent sales within the immediate area of your property, you may need to extend your search to other areas that are proximate or similar to yours in property type or mix, i.e.: all residential, all commercial or a mixture of the two.





### INADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE

- •Sales of comparable properties that occurred more than 90 days after the valuation date of your property. This is one of the most common examples of inadmissible evidence.
- •The amount of taxes paid on your property or another property.
- Appeals Board decisions regarding other properties or a previous Assessment.
- Appeals Board decisions on your own property.
- Assessed values of comparable properties.
- •Your age, health, or financial condition, or other matters not related to the value of your property.



### IS THIS A VALID APPEAL?

If the evidence collected does not support the appeal, the applicant may withdraw in writing, via fax, e-mail, or USPS mail with the Assessment Appeals Board:

Assessment Appeals Board Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 W. Temple Street, Room B-4 Los Angeles, CA 90012

(213) 974-1471 - Main

(213) 217-4979 - Fax

E-mail: AABOffice@bos.lacounty.gov





## THE HEARING

Applicant's Responsibilities
What Happens During the Hearing







## APPEAL HEARINGS

- In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, most of our hearings are held <u>VIRTUALLY</u>. However, <u>IN-PERSON HEARINGS</u> are available upon <u>written</u> request.
- •For virtual hearings, you will need a PC, laptop, tablet, or any smart device; must have an Internet connection or Wi-Fi; and have access to audio and video.
- •For more information, contact the Assessment Appeals Board at (213) 974-1471 or email at <a href="mailto:AABOffice@bos.lacounty.gov">AABOffice@bos.lacounty.gov</a> with the following information:
  - Assessment Appeal Application Number
  - Assessor's Identification Number (AIN)
  - Applicant's Name and Contact Information, including a valid email address or cell phone number





# HEARING NOTIFICATION PROCESS

Schedule for Hearing

Mail Hearing
Appointment
Card

Email WebEx
Invitation
(For Virtual Hearing
Only)

Day of Hearing





# AAB WEBSITE RESOURCES

bos.lacounty.gov/Services/ Assessment-Appeals

### The website contains:

- Forms
  - Including some with online submission
- Virtual hearing resources
- Reference Guides
- Other appeal-related information

# **Assessment Appeals**

### **ABOUT**

Under the authority of the Article 13 of the Constitution of the State of California, the Board of Supervisors established the Assessment Appeals Board to sit as the Board of Equalization of the Los Angeles County. Acting in a quasi-judicial capacity, the Assessment Appeals Board make fair and impartial decisions to settle the valuation disputes between the taxpayers and the Assessor's Office and to equalize the County's property tax roll.

On August 31, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved an amendment to LA County Code Title 2 establishing a \$46 non-refundable filing fee for assessment appeal applications. Effective October 1, 2021, the fee must be paid when submitting an application. Please click <a href="here">here</a> to read more.

If paying the fee would cause undue financial hardship, you may request a fee waiver. Waiver forms must be submitted online, in the mail, or in-person along with your application. Hardcopy versions are available <a href="here">here</a> or from Room B4 at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.

Click on the following links to learn more about the Assessment Appeals Board:

### **VIDEO LIBRARY**

NEW! Enable "Closed Caption" to Watch Video Tutorials (Language/Translation)

Video

### **QUICK LINKS**



File Your Appeals Online



Hearing Evidence Online Submission



Case Status Search



Withdrawal Request (For Online Submission)



Postpone Hearing Request (For Online Submission)



Agreement Form (For Online Submission)

Waiver and



Public Education Program

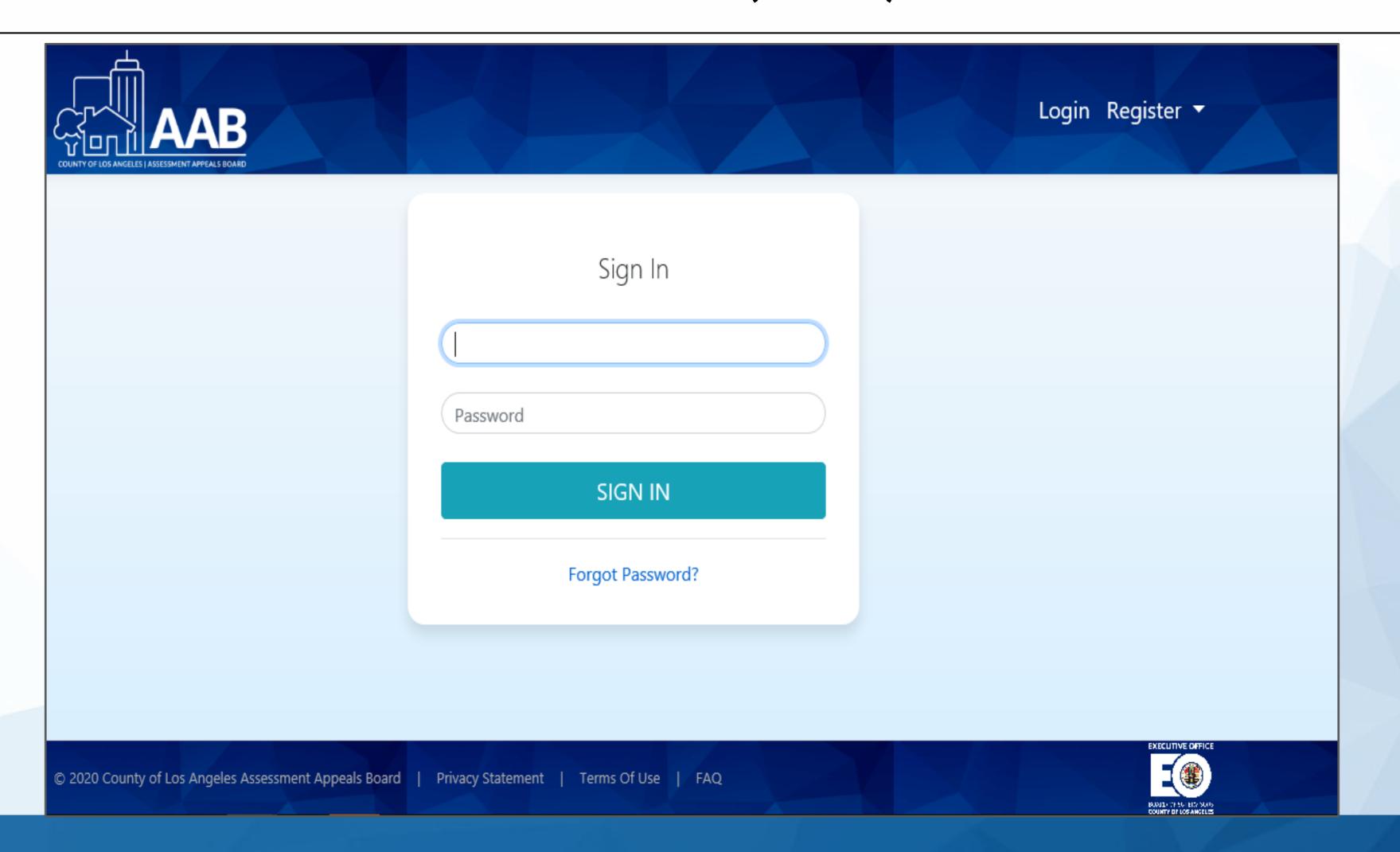


Guides/Forms/Video Library





# ASSESSMENT APPEAL PORTAL (AAP)







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## APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

### 1. PREPARE EVIDENCE FOR YOUR APPEAL:

Collect at least 3 comparables as part of your evidence (comparables, documents, photos, etc.) to present at the hearing.

 A comparable sales information worksheet is available in our brochure "How to Prepare for your Assessment Appeals Hearing" located on our website and mailed with your notice of hearing.

### 2. UPLOAD YOUR EVIDENCE TO THE ASSESSMENT APPEAL PORTAL (AAP)

At least 48 hours prior to your hearing.

# 3. IF YOU HAVE AN AGENT, ATTORNEY OR REPRESENTATIVE APPEARING ON YOUR BEHALF:

The Agent must have an Agent's Authorization form to present at the hearing and be registered with the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors, if considered a Tax Agent\* pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.165.





## TAX AGENT REGISTRATION

On April 30, 2013, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance amending Los Angeles County Code,

Title 2 – Administration to add Chapter 2.165, implementing a registration process for all tax agents practicing in Los Angeles County effective July 1, 2013.

A "Tax Agent" is any person who is employed, is under contract, or otherwise receives compensation to communicate directly, or through agents, employees or subcontractors, with any county official with the Assessor, Assessment Appeals Board, Assessment Hearing Officers, Auditor-Controller or Treasurer and Tax Collector for the purpose of influencing official action.

Tax Agents are required to register with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Executive Office; no later than 30 days after July 1st or within the first 30 days of first becoming a Tax Agent.

Tax Agents subject to this rule cannot represent a taxpayer before a County official without first being registered.

Anyone representing an applicant that does not fall under the definition of this ordinance may indicate this on the Agent's Authorization form available on our website. Exemption forms will also be available to complete during the hearing.

For more information on the Tax Agent Registration process, please visit our website at:

bos.lacounty.gov/services/assessment-appeals/tax-agent-registration





# TAX AGENT REGISTRATION

## **Tax Agent Registration**

# TAX AGENT REGISTRATION OVERVIEW

On April 30, 2013, The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted County Code 2.165, an ordinance amending Title 2 – Administration of the Los Angeles County Code to implement a Tax Agent Registration Program and requirement for all tax agents within Los Angeles County.

The Assessment Appeals Board is responsible to facilitate the Tax Agent Registration process in the area of identifying tax agents, processing registrations, and posting an online report that lists all registered and unregistered tax agents who are required to be in compliance with the ordinance.

County Code 2.165 defines a "Tax Agent" as any person who is employed, is under contract, or otherwise receives compensation to communicate directly, or through agents, employees or subcontractors, with any county official with the Assessor, Assessment Appeals Board, Assessment Hearing Officers, Auditor-Controller or Treasurer and Tax Collector for the purpose of influencing official action.

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To complete Tax Agent Registration click here

For questions or comments, email us at: TaxAgentRegistration@bos.lacounty.gov

<u>Click here</u> to subscribe and receive e-Mail Notifications for all future Tax Agent Registration updates.



### FILE AN ASSESSMENT APPEAL

To file an Assessment Appeal
Application online. Select the
property tax bill and login to
complete and submit the
application.

Click Here



#### **FORMS**



Request to Add Agency or Firm



Registration
Referral Form
(INTERNAL OFFICE
USE ONLY)





## DAY OF THE HEARING

- 1. Applicants are responsible to login / arrive to the hearing at least 15-30 minutes before the scheduled hearing time.
  - If the applicant has an agent, attorney, or representative they will act on your behalf with full authority.
- 2. Check in with the clerk. Hearings may begin early if all parties are present.
- 3. The clerk maintains the order and flow of appeals before the Board or Hearing Officer.
- 4. Depending upon arrival time and complexity of the case, the applicant should be prepared to spend several hours to the whole day at the hearing.







# WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A BOARD AND HEARING OFFICER HEARING?

BOARD HEARING (Currently Held Virtually or In-Person)

The appeal is heard before a three-member Board panel, in a courtroom-like setting and is recorded. In addition, an appeals clerk, along with an Assessor's representative(s) will be present.

- HEARING OFFICER (Currently Held Virtually or In-Person)

Hearings before a Hearing Officer are less formal than hearings before the Board and involve less-complex cases. The Hearing Officer reviews evidence presented by you and the Assessor's representative at the hearing and makes a recommendation regarding the fair market value of your property. The Applicant, Assessor, and Board have the opportunity to reject the recommendation. If this is not done, the recommendation will be finalized by the Board.

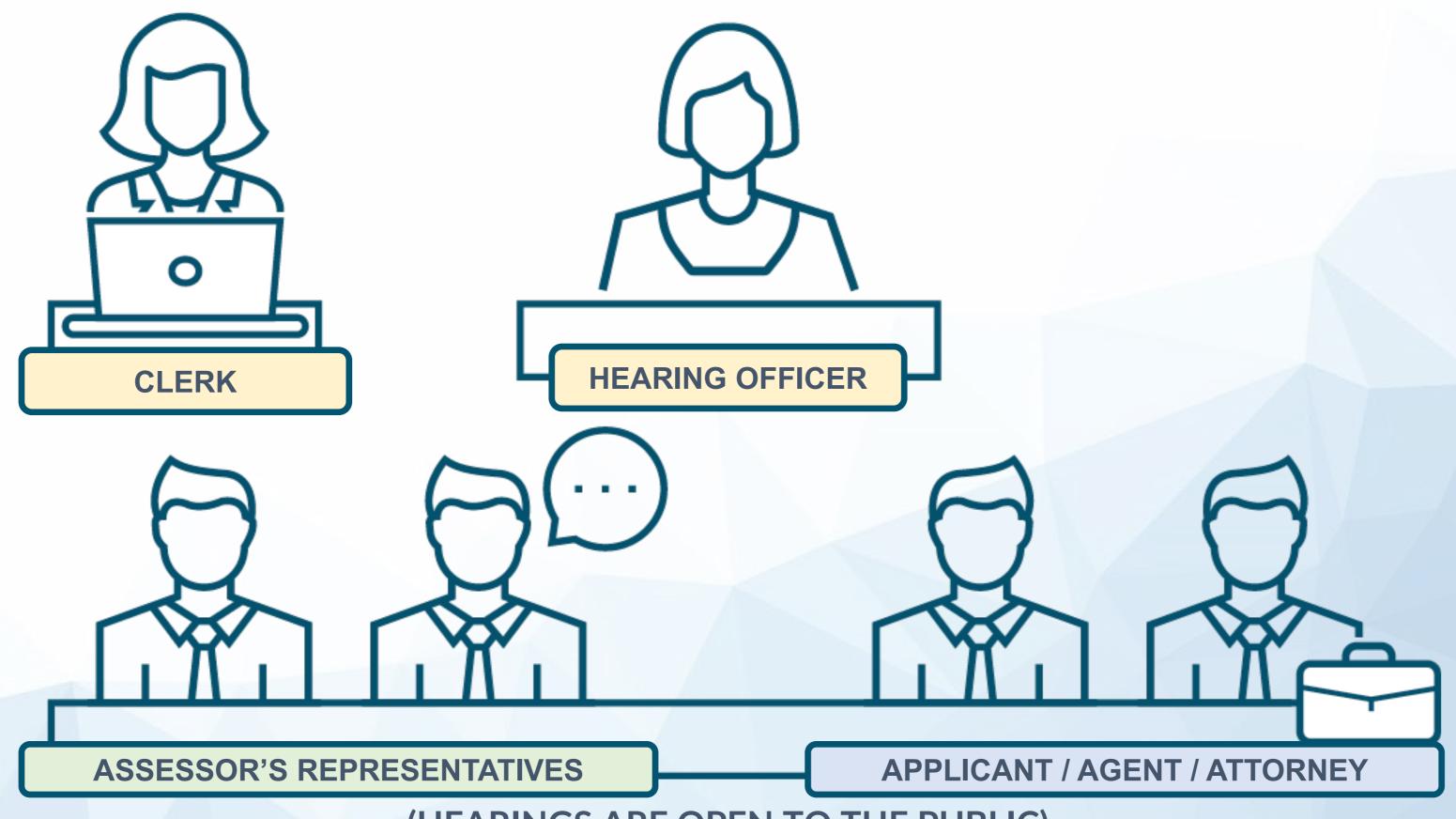
Any single-family dwelling, condominium, cooperative or multi-family dwelling of four units or less, regardless of value, or any other property type that does not exceed \$5,000,000 in assessed value may go to a Hearing Officer hearing.





## WHO WILL BE AT THE HEARING OFFICER HEARING?

### **HEARING OFFICER HEARING**



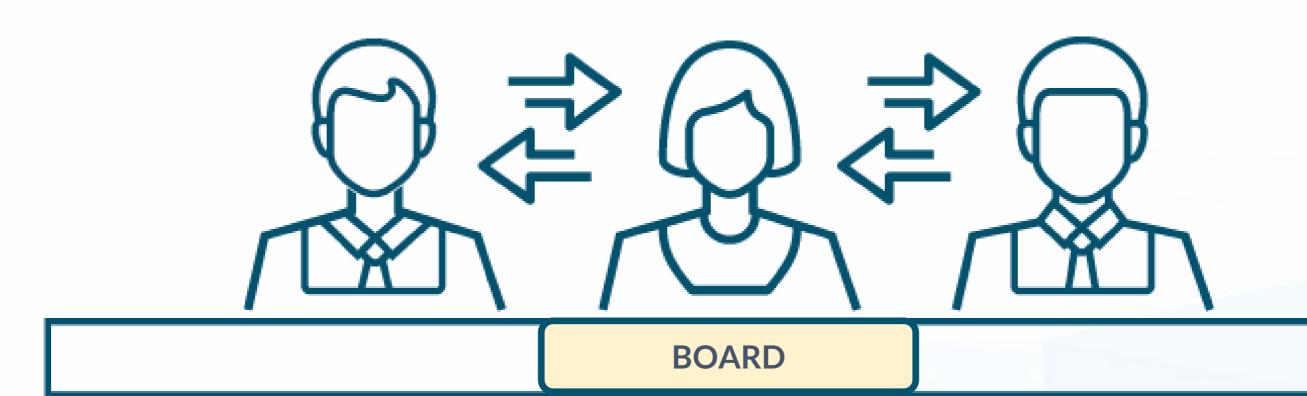
(HEARINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)





# WHO WILL BE AT THE BOARD HEARING?

### **BOARD HEARING**















## HEARING OUTCOME

### WHAT IF THE APPLICANT DISAGREES WITH THE DECISION?

### **HEARING OFFICER**

A Hearing Officer makes a <u>recommendation</u> to the Board, if the applicant disagrees, they may request for a new hearing before the Board.

### TO DO THIS:

The applicant may request a new hearing with the Board by submitting a "Request Board form" no later than 14 days after the mailing date of the Hearing Officer Recommendation sheet (the stamped date on the upper right corner of the recommendation sheet).

### **BOARD**

The Board's <u>decision</u> is final. If the applicant does not agree with the Board's findings an appeal of the decision will have to be made within 6 months of the board action date through Superior Court.





## WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE HEARING

## Notice of Board Action

- 1. After the Appeals Board renders their decision, a Notice of Board Action will be sent to the applicant and agent (if applicable).
- 2. A copy of the Board Action notice will also be sent to the Assessor and Auditor-Controller for any necessary action.
- 3. At this point the Assessment Appeals process is complete.
  - If there is any value change, it can take approximately 4-6 months for the changes to be processed.
  - If a refund is due, the Auditor-Controller will issue the refund within 3-6 months after the office receives the board found value information from the Assessment Appeals Board (business, personal property, boats, and aircraft) or from the Assessor's Office (for real property)





## CONTACT LIST

### ASSESOR'S LOCAL AND DISTRICT OFFICES

NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE AREA 1 - REGIONS B1, 02, 03, 24 13800 Balboa Blvd., Sylmar, CA 91342 (818) 833-6000

WEST DISTRICT OFFICE AREA 2 - REGIONS 07, 09, 25 Room 183-19 (mailing address) 500 West Temple St. Los Angeles, CA 90012 (310) 665-5300

**SOUTH DISTRICT OFFICE AREA 3 - REGIONS 10, 12, 14, 26**1401 E. Willow Street, Signal Hill, CA 90755
(562) 256-1701

EAST DISTRICT OFFICE

AREA 4 - REGIONS 04, 05, 06, 11, 27

1190 Durfee Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733
(626) 258-6001

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REGION A1

251 E. Avenue K-6, Lancaster, CA 93535
(661) 940-6700

### PROPERTY TAX RELATED OFFICE LOCATIONS

#### **DOWNTOWN OFFICE LOCATION:**

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012-2770 Toll Free: 1-(888) 807-2111 (for departments below dial prompts indicated)

### ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD - ROOM B4

https://bos.lacounty.gov/services/assessment-appeals (213) 974-1471, Dial 1-4-1

#### **TAX AGENT REGISTRATION**

https://bos.lacounty.gov/services/assessment-appeals/tax-agent-registration

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE - ROOM 225 (MAIN OFFICE DOWNTOWN)

https://assessor.lacounty.gov (213) 974-3211, Dial 1-6-9

TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR - FIRST FLOOR LOBBY

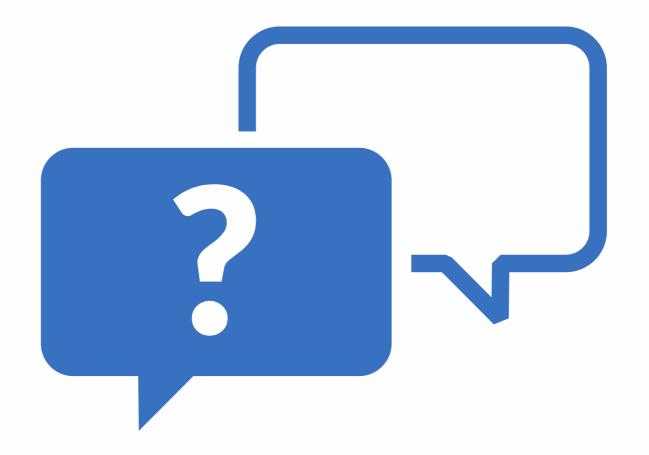
https://ttc.lacounty.gov (213) 974-2111, Dial 1-5-6

**AUDITOR CONTROLLER - ROOM 153** 

http://auditor.lacounty.gov (213) 974-8368, Dial 1-7-9







# QUESTIONS?



