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ASSESSMENT REVIEW DEADLINE EXTENDED

Appeals and requests for review of assessment are down dramatically compared to the past year. Formal appeals of 2013 property value was 6,861 as of the end of April 2014 compared to 14,627 formal appeals for 2012, again measured at the end of April 2013. Requests for assessment reviews last year was received from 798 property owners while this year only 299 requests were received. San Diego County has 981,829 taxable parcels of property—second most of California's 58 counties. "Appeals and assessment reviews are received from less than one percent of parcels in the county," said Assessor Dronenburg. "But by extending the request deadline we want to make sure any owner that thinks they need a review gets that opportunity." The deadline for requesting a review of a property owner's assessed value was set to lapse today (April 30) at 5 p.m. Ernie Dronenburg, the San Diego County Assessor extended the review request period to May 16.

"Only 299 property owners have asked for a review of their 2014 property values since we started accepting requests last December. We believe this is because the county real estate market is growing dramatically," said Assessor Dronenburg. "But we wanted to make sure everyone knew about the review process so I have extended the time period by two more weeks." The application for an Assessment Review can be submitted online at www.sdarcc.com.

Property owners, who believe their property's market value as of January 1, 2014 has dropped below its current assessed value, can file an application online to request the Assessor to review their property's assessment before this year's bill is issued. As an indication of their current assessed value, an owner can reference the assessed value on their 2013-2014 tax bill.

Assessor Dronenburg also wants to remind the over 200,000 taxpayers who were granted a reduction last year that they need not apply again this year as their assessed value will automatically be reviewed.

Assessor Dronenburg concluded, "If you are online challenged and would like the paper version of the application form, you can call our help number at my office (858-505-6262) and a form will be mailed to you. However, don't delay because the May 16, 2014 date will not be extended again."

All taxpayers who apply will be notified of the results of their request in July. If the owner disagrees with the decision, they can file a formal appeal with the county Assessment Appeals Board. The appeal should be sent to the Clerk of the Assessment Appeals Board between July 2 and December 1.

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