

Property Tax Appeal



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Focus on Objective Criteria

- Backup every assertion with facts/data
 - For example, my 5,000 sq ft land should be assessed at \$200,000 because my three comparables have 5,000 sq ft lots and the value of each sq ft is \$40.
 - Do not say: my property should be assessed at \$200,000 because I don't have the money to pay or I don't feel like it's a fair amount.
- Use your data to respond to every question



Stand your ground

- Be supported by your data
- Do not feel intimidated
- Do not allow this to become a personal affront; the assessor only cares about the fair market value of your property.
- State your opinion of value
 - Make concessions only if you are convinced of their validity.
- You do not have to settle before going to the Hearing Officer



What happens if I reach an agreement with Assessor before the Board hearing?

- Contact the Assessor before the Board hearing.
 - Find your Assessor's information in the Assessor manual
- Negotiate with Assessor before hearing to reach an agreement
- If you do, make sure to have a written stipulation of assessed value signed by the Assessor's office.
 - The written stipulation will be submitted to the Board for review and approval.
 - If Board rejects stipulation, it will schedule you for a Board hearing
- You may decide to withdraw your appeal.
 - Send in your signed appeal appointment card to withdraw.