

# *Gregory B. Hardcastle, C.P.A.*

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**ASSESSOR/CLERK-RECORDER  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
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July 9, 2009

In my 22 years as your County Assessor I have never seen a market decline like we are experiencing today. From time to time we go through “hills and valleys” with property values and have always recovered. I truly believe we are going through another temporary cycle from which we will recover.

During these severe economic times I wish to assure you the Assessor’s staff is committed to making sure your property values benefit from the rules, regulations, and guidelines under which we operate. My staff reduced the taxable values of more than 30,000 single family residences for the 2009/10 assessment roll under our new proactive taxable value reduction program. We will continue to review and accurately assess parcels in our county, providing you with the full benefit of the law and the best service possible.

If you received a reduction and disagree with our conclusion or you just disagree with your property’s 2009/10 taxable value, you have until November 30, 2009, to file an appeal with the Assessment Appeals Board. I urge you to please wait until you get your first tax bill prior to undertaking a formal appeal; you may have already received the reduction you’re looking for.

Sincerely,

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Assessor/Clerk Recorder  
County of Tulare

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