

## **YOUR BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PETITION: WHAT'S NEXT?**

### **Once you have filed your appeal:**

If you have questions about how the assessment was made or to ensure your property characteristics are listed correctly, we encourage you to contact an Assessor's representative at the phone number listed on the front of your "Assessor's Notice of Real Property Value Change" form.

An Assessor's representative will review your petition and may contact you at your daytime phone number. If you are able to reach agreement on the true and fair value of the property in your discussions with the Assessor's representative, you will be offered a form to sign that establishes the new value, withdraws the petition, and no hearing will take place. If you cannot come to an agreement with the Assessor's representative, you will be scheduled for a Board hearing.

**If you intend to submit additional documentary evidence supporting your request for a reduction in value, please do so as soon as possible. Adjusted market sales closest to the January 1, 2017 valuation date are most convincing. Real Estate LISTINGS are irrelevant, as the Board will consider comparable SALES only.**

The appeal process may take from 6 to 18 months depending on the number of appeals filed.

### **ASSESSED VALUE AND SUBSEQUENT TAX**

The Assessor's staff analyzes all sales occurring within the county on an annual basis. This analysis leads to setting the assessed value as of January 1 of each year. This assessed value is used to calculate taxes payable in the following year. Tax year follows assessment year.

