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**Have you recently been assessed your 2009 property value?
What can you do if you feel your home has been overvalued?**

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You can appeal the decision.

- The best official California information source is the Property Tax division of the Board of Equalization. **www.boe.ca.gov**
- Even if your County Assessor has reduced your assessed value, you can still appeal the decision.
- To appeal an assessment, submit the Application for Changed Assessment form, BOE-305-AH. The appeal window is generally July 2, 2009 to September 15, 2009. Earlier is better.
- Assessors generally rely on comparable sales. A source for sales data is MLS listings.
- Comparable sales must be before April 1, 2009 and within your neighborhood.
- Counties utilize a third-party "Appeals Board" to decide the outcome. You have the right to attend the hearing by yourself or with legal representation.