

**2009-10 INFORMAL REQUEST FOR
DECLINE IN MARKET VALUE
PROP 8 REASSESSMENT**

California State Revenue and Taxation Code, Section 51 authorizes the Assessor to **temporarily** lower the assessed value of any real property when it is greater than the market value as of January 1st, lien date. If you believe that the market value of your property as of **January 1, 2009** is less than the assessed taxable value, please provide the information below and return this request to the Assessor's Office. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 707-565-1888.

This form allows you to request a review of the assessment of your property due to a decline-in-value. Please provide your opinion of value as of January 1, 2009. **There is no need to file this form if you previously received a Prop 8 decline for last year (2008-09).** We will automatically review it for the coming year 2009-10.

CONTACT INFORMATION	PROPERTY INFORMATION
Name	Assessor's Parcel Number
Mailing Address	Property Address
City/State/Zip	City/State/Zip
Daytime Telephone	Assessed Value (from tax bill)
E-mail Address	Date of Purchase
Your Opinion of Value as of January 1, 2009	Purchase Price

If you would like to submit sales of comparable properties, please include them on a separate sheet of paper. They are not required in order to process your request for a review. Comparables will not expedite your request.

Note: Comparable sales that are recorded after April 1, 2009 cannot be allowed under Revenue & Taxation Code, Rule 424(d). However, you may use sales recorded anytime before that date, even if it is before January 1, 2009.

IMPORTANT – SIGNATURE

Your property taxes are still due by the delinquent date printed on the bill from the Tax Collector. The filing of an assessment review or an assessment appeal does not alter or delay the date taxes are due. The Tax Collector will add interest and penalties to the amount you owe if your payment is late.

I have read and understand the statement above. I agree to allow the Assessor's staff to inspect the property, including the interior of any improvements, if necessary. (If an appointment is necessary, one of our Appraisers will call to set up a time).

Signature _____ Title (Owner, Agent, etc.) _____ Date _____

Preserve your appeal rights. If you disagree with the Assessor's findings resulting from this application, you have formal appeal rights pertaining to your original assessment if an Application for Changed Assessment is filed timely. To obtain an application you need to contact the Clerk of the Assessments Appeals Board at 707-565-2241.

Please note – The Assessment Appeal Filing period is from July 2 through November 30, 2009.

Protect your appeal rights – Appeals must be postmarked by the deadline regardless of the status of this separate "Informal Request For Decline In Market Value".

Visit our website at www.sonoma-county.org/assessor for more information
Deadline to return this form is October 31, 2009.