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County Assessor advises: 'Don't pay for free services'

Various unscrupulous private companies are once again mailing solicitations to property owners offering to file Decline in Value review request forms with the Assessor's Office for fees ranging from \$95 to thousands of dollars, even though these applications may be filed by the property owner free of charge directly with the Assessor's Office.

The San Bernardino County Assessor's Office has already reviewed approximately 235,000 single-family residences and condominiums for the 2009 assessment roll under the Prop 8 Decline in Market Value provision. Property owners can determine what their assessment for the 2009 tax year is by calling the San Bernardino County Assessor's Office toll free at (877) 885-7654, (909) 387-8307, or online at www.sbassessor.org. All property that was reduced under this provision for the 2009 assessment roll will be reviewed for possible further adjustment for 2010.

If you feel that you are a victim of a misleading mailing, you may contact the California Attorney General's Public Inquiry Unit at: www.ag.ca.gov/consumers/general.php.