

I am writing to object to the property tax increase for the following reasons:

1. The tax system does not adjust quickly enough for downturns after real estate bubbles. Recently my house was assessed using the highest prices of homes newer and less comparable to mine. Now those values have decreased by 10-20%, and my taxes will remain high, even though I am retired.
2. When I appealed on the basis that my 60+ year old house needed expensive repairs and the structure was worth much less than the land, the appeal committee denied my justification. Instead, it sent me two more comparable properties, one of which was demolished when I went to look at it. At that point, the value of the property was just the land value, which proved my point! I got no satisfaction, except to show there is bias in the system, and the assessors are in cahoots with the spenders.