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Re: Proposed Revisions to Property Tax Rule 133

Dear Deputy Director Gau:

The California Assessors' Association requests that the date for comments regarding the proposed revisions to Property Tax Rule 133, as described in LTA no. 2014/004, be moved forward to April 30, 2014. This extension is requested due to the noted progress of Assembly Bill 777 (Muratsuchi), as well as concerns about a rulemaking process being opened concurrently with an active assessment appeal addressing the same issues.

While we are not privy to the details of how the process to revise Rule 133 was started, it seems likely that it was in response to the apparent stalling of AB 777 in the Legislature several months ago. However, it now appears that the bill is making new progress. It was just voted out of committee unanimously on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, and is very likely to be in the Senate by the end of the month. We understand there is significant support for the bill, including a positive outlook from the Governor's office.

Additionally, Los Angeles County has four years of pending assessment appeals cases concerning the type of property described in LRA 2014/004. In the past, the rulemaking process has been held back when there is related litigation, and this is a similar situation.

With these conditions in mind, it would be in the best interests of all parties to provide additional time for initial comments, and request that the deadline be extended until April 30, 2014.

Sincerely,

Larry Ward  
President, California Assessors' Association  
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cc: CAA Executive Committee