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# News Release

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## **BOE Finds Kings County Assessor's Office Meets State Standards**

**Sacramento** – The Board of Equalization (BOE) released a report today which states most properties in Kings County are properly assessed and the overall quality of the assessment roll, representing approximately \$8.8 billion in value, meets state standards, announced George Runner, Second District Member of the BOE.

The Kings County Assessment Practices Survey Report addresses the quality of the 2011-12 Kings County assessment roll and presents four recommendations for improving the Kings County Assessor's programs. It also includes the assessor's responses to the recommendations, which can be found in the report: [www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/pdf/16apsr0913.pdf](http://www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/pdf/16apsr0913.pdf).

These reports provide an overview of how well assessors' duties are performed in California's 58 counties, and identify where improvements should be made. Every assessor is required to identify and assess all properties located within the county – unless specifically exempt – and maintain a database, or "roll," of the properties and their assessed values.

Surveying the state's 58 county assessors' practices fulfills the BOE's mission of promoting statewide consistency in property tax assessment. Every five years, the BOE reviews each county's property tax assessment practices and publishes a report.

For more information on the BOE assessment practices survey program, visit:  
[www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/apscont.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/apscont.htm).

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Elected in November 2010, George Runner represents the State Board of Equalization's Second District. He is a leading advocate for California taxpayers. Runner has worked to improve California's tax policies and practices and to create and retain more private sector jobs in our state. Prior to his election to the Board, Runner served twelve years in the State Legislature, authoring the well-known California Amber Alert and California's Blue Alert. As a thoughtful conservative, his legislative priorities included improving the economy, business growth, education excellence, and public safety for all Californians. As a member of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, Runner consistently led the fight against tax increases and supported tax relief for families and businesses.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$53.7 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business

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tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit [www.taxes.ca.gov](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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