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### 2016 Property Assessment Roll

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San Bernardino County Assessor Bob Dutton is pleased to announce the signing of the 2016 annual property assessment roll. The assessment roll contains 817,383 taxable parcels and is valued at \$194,671,781,504 which is a 4.2% net increase as compared to the 2015 assessment roll.

Primary reasons for the increase include the sustained recovery of real estate values, increased sales activity, Prop 13 inflationary adjustments and the restoration of assessed values previously reduced under Prop 8 decline in market value provisions. New construction activity remained low but there is renewed interest in San Bernardino County.

It is the responsibility of the Assessor to locate, inventory, and establish assessed values for all taxable property within San Bernardino County with certain statutory exceptions. Assessor Dutton noted that last year the 2015 assessment roll surpassed the previous high achieved in 2008 before the collapse of the real estate market. The increase this year appears to be a result of a stabilization of values and normalized appreciation as opposed to the double digit increases seen during the mid-2000's.

The Countywide average increase in real estate values was 4.45%. The West End saw an average increase of 5.22% while the High Desert came in at 4.24%. An area of concern is the unsecured valuations, mainly business personal property, which are 4.9% lower than 2015. This decrease was due partly to companies divesting of property, leaving the county to do business elsewhere or closing down. A complete list of all 24 cities and unincorporated areas assessed values and the percentage change from the previous assessment roll is available on the Assessor's website at [www.sbcounty.gov/assessor](http://www.sbcounty.gov/assessor).

Taxpayers wishing to see their personal assessed values may visit the Assessor's website at [www.sbcounty.gov/assessor](http://www.sbcounty.gov/assessor) and click on the *Online Services, Property Information Management System* link.

To reach the Assessor's Office, please call our toll-free number at 1-877-885-7654.