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Bexar Appraisal District
Board of Directors
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Re: Honoring 2025 Protest Settlements in the 2027–2028 Reappraisal Plan

Board Members,

Thank you for your service to Bexar County. Two years ago this board made a commitment to Bexar County taxpayers, and I write to ask that you keep it. On September 16, 2024, the board resolved that "beginning in appraisal year 2025, the market value for protests resolved in that year that are not appealed to arbitration, SOAH, or litigation will remain the market value for 2026 unless there is a physical change to the property."

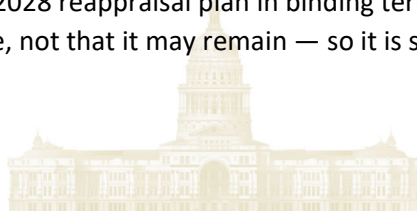
That was the right call, and homeowners in House District 122 relied on it. It is now my understanding that the commitment is being treated as a one-year reprieve rather than the rule this board adopted, and that the plan's permissive language — that a settled value "may remain the same" — is being read to leave the district free to appraise over it.

Consider what that means for a homeowner. She protests her value, works it out with an appraiser, and the two sides agree on a number. Protests are often not resolved until late in the year, so the ink is barely dry when the next notice of appraised value arrives — higher than the figure the district just agreed to, with nothing about the house changed. She protests again to get back to a value the district already accepted, and can expect to do it again the next year.

When the Legislature took up House Bill 2786 last session, that bill would have required annual reappraisal in districts like ours and end this program in Bexar County. I authored the amendment to save it, and Bexar County members of both parties joined me — Representatives Cortez, Martinez Fischer, Lujan, and Bernal. That amendment is included along with this letter. The House adopted it and passed the bill, though it did not become law. Members of both parties went out of their way to protect the very thing this district is now preparing to set aside.

I respectfully ask this board to do two things:

1. Honor the 2025 settlements — direct that an agreed value carry forward as the district's value rather than be appraised over, absent new construction, a physical change to the property, or evidence of further reduction.
2. Continue that rule into the 2027–2028 reappraisal plan in binding terms — that a value settled through the protest process will remain the value, not that it may remain — so it is standing policy rather than a reprieve renewed one year at a time.





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The Legislature has worked hard to deliver property tax relief, most recently raising the homestead exemption to \$140,000. The people asked for that relief, and their government should not take it back from them one appraisal notice at a time. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark Dorazio".

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