

Assessment Appeal Process

Santa Clara County

A separate application must be completed and filed for one type of assessment for each parcel of real property and/or each assessment of personal (unsecured) property for the same tax year.

You can complete and submit your Assessment Appeal Application Form online, which allows you to electronically sign and add PDF attachments, if any. The system will assist you in filling out your form accurately and completely. You will receive a confirmation page and appeal case number, and you can print your appeal application for your records.

Start ▶



Timeline

Jul 2–Sept 15 for Regular Assessment or within 60 days of Supplemental or Escape Assessment Notice

Status/ Action

Appeal application filing considered timely by Clerk of the Board (COB)

1–3 months after appeal is filed



Edit letter is mailed by COB if appeal application is incomplete or incorrect

Approximately 6–8 months after appeal application is filed and 45–60 days prior to the hearing date



Notice of Scheduled Hearing is mailed by COB



21 days prior to scheduled hearing date



Deadline to return Appeal Response Form to COB to either confirm appearance at hearing or request first time hearing date postponement



Day of Hearing

Location: 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose

- Assessment Appeals Board I,II,III at 9 a.m. Held in the Isaac Newton Senter Auditorium
- Legal Hearing Officer at 9:30 a.m. Held in Room 157, First Floor
- Value Hearing Officer at 9 a.m. Held in Room 157, First Floor

Applicant brings any evidence or documents to present to the Board or Hearing Officer

- Assessment Appeals Board I,II,III: 6 copies required
- Legal Hearing Officer: 4 copies required
- Value Hearing Officer: 4 copies required

Within 2 weeks of hearing if decision was made



Decision letter is mailed to applicant

Possible Outcome



No Change to assessed value

Status/ Action

No Refund or No additional tax bill



Decrease in assessed value

Within 6 months of hearing, any applicable refund is issued by the Tax Collector if tax bill had been paid



Increase in assessed value

Additional tax bill will be mailed by the Tax Collector

