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# ASSESSOR'S UPDATE

## MESSAGE FROM THE ASSESSOR

Greetings,

I would like to take a moment to reflect on our 2019 tax season and highlight our office's achievements and success.

Over my tenure as your County Assessor, I have worked hard to lead my office as a state-wide leader in appraisal and valuation standards and position our office to compete on the national level. My team and I have focused on developing policies, procedures and systems from a nationally best-practice approach.

I am excited to report, in September of 2019, our office was awarded the IAAO "International Association of Assessing Officer" Certificate of Excellence in Administration. We are the first in the State of New Mexico and only the forty-seventh international office to be awarded with this prestigious award.

**WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT TO YOU, THE CONSTITUENT?** You have a highly qualified and professionally trained office working for and with you; ultimately, we guarantee our appraisal assessments and valuations are accurate, fair and equitable.

**As part of my commitment to serve our community**, in September 2019, responding to needed for funding for local and tribal veterans, I partnered with the Pueblo of Pojoaque, Veterans Alliance and the City of Santa Fe Veterans Advisory Board to host our 1st Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser for Veterans in need in our community.

I am thrilled to report that we raised over \$33,000 in donations, which will be awarded to the Veterans Alliance and City of Santa Fe Veterans Advisory Board to provide services and/or emergency funding for local and tribal veterans.

**Using my office, as a workforce development platform for young people**, in October 2019, I partnered with SER Jobs for Progress of New Mexico to create and implement an internship program.

The program provides opportunities for our young people with an internship in a professional work environment, receiving hands-on training and real-life work skills in the assessment profession. It is a great partnership with SER Jobs for Progress and successful internship program for our young people.

Respectfully,  Gus Martinez, Santa Fe County Assessor

## REAPPRAISAL PROJECT

Our office has recently completed our first 5 year reappraisal cycle and are currently preparing to begin the second 5 year reappraisal cycle, with high hopes of finishing within a 3 year time period, beginning with Edgewood, NM and moving north.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We are dedicated to providing excellent customer service throughout the community and we strive on reaching out to the constituents and keeping them informed. Community Outreaches are a great way for us to really engage with the community and provide our service within their community centers. Our office schedules outreaches at senior centers during the senior lunches as well as in the evenings at community centers where the public can come and visit us, ask questions regarding their property and possible exemptions that they may qualify for. If you would be interested in us visiting your community please give our office a call at 505-986-6300 and we would gladly schedule a time and date.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Giving back to the community is also something we feel very strongly about in our office. In September of 2019, our office partnered with the Pueblo of Pojoaque, the Santa Fe Veterans Alliance, and the City of Santa Fe Veterans Advisory Board in creating the 1st Annual Veterans Golf Tournament Fundraiser. An amazing event that brought the community together to raise money and awareness for local and tribal veterans in need. This very successful event raised nearly \$33,000, which was then distributed within the local and tribal communities to help our veterans.

Our office has also implemented an internship program for seniors in high school, as well as have partnered with New Mexico Workforce Solutions and the City of Santa Fe SER program in creating a youth internship program within our office. This gives in-school and out-of school youth the opportunity to work in our office and gain work experience, as well as learn many different areas of what our office does. This program is a great way to get their education while working in a professional environment which could essentially lead to future employment within the county.

# CORE VALUES



HONESTY & INTEGRITY  
QUALITY & EXCELLENCE  
FAIRNESS & EQUALITY  
TEAMWORK & SUSTAINABILITY

## MISSION

We are committed to providing excellent customer service to the greater community of Santa Fe through fair and equitable valuations, public outreach, education, open communication and transparency based on industry best practice standards.

## VISION

To create an environment which reflects the desired relationships between the Office of the Santa Fe County Assessor and its constituents; management and employees; and co-workers. To accomplish our vision, it is critical to identify, define and share the following organizational core values.

## KEY OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE:

- Provide a systematic, orderly and logical method of collecting, analyzing and processing data to determine the property values for real property (land and improvements); personal property (business assets); corporations, livestock and mobile homes within Santa Fe County
- Comply with statutory requirements for processing assessments, re-assessments and eligibility for property exemptions
- Identify, list, and value all taxable property as required by law
- Notify property owners of their assessed property values
- Submit the net taxable values for all property within Santa Fe County to the New Mexico Department of Finance for purpose of determining tax rates and budgets
- Prepare the Santa Fe County Property tax roll for the Santa Fe County Treasurer
- Employ the most highly-qualified/customer-centered personnel that practice communication, team work and commitment to excellence

## WE'VE MOVED!

Please visit us in our new building located at 100 Catron St., parking lot available for the public off of Grant Ave.

\* Recently the New Mexico Court of Appeals issued an order holding that a transfer of residential property between an LLC's members and the LLC itself constitutes a "change of ownership" for purposes of NMSA 1978, Section 7-36-21.2(A)(3)(a) (2010). Giddings v. SRT Mountain Vista, LLC A-1-CA-35643. Once the residential property is transferred it is no longer subject to the 3% annual limitation increase and will be assessed at market value.

This rule applies even when property is transferred out of an LLC for purposes of refinancing and then re-deeded to the LLC.

The Santa Fe Assessor's Office will adhere to the ruling of the Court of Appeals.