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## ***MENDOCINO COUNTY ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD VACANCIES AND RECRUITMENT***

The Assessment Appeals Board (Board) of Mendocino County currently has three vacancies. Effective immediately, the Board is seeking a member and two alternate members. The Board meets a minimum of four times annually with hearings lasting between thirty minutes and up to two hours. The hearings are typically held at 9:00 a.m. on the third or fourth Monday of the month in January, April, July, and October.

An appeals board is an independent entity created to adjudicate disputes between taxpayers and the county assessor, and, in the performance of its duties, functions in conjunction with other county and state officials and departments. The function of an appeals board is to determine the full value of property or to determine other matters of property tax assessment over which the appeals board has jurisdiction. The term of office for members selected to serve on the board is three years.

Assessment appeals may involve complex issues such as the valuation of large subdivisions in various stages of development, industrial developments, shopping centers, undeveloped land in transition, possessory interests, view site property, and motel and apartments with large vacancy factors. Since most persons have limited experience in complex appraisal matters, the Legislature enacted eligibility requirements for assessment appeals board members. Section 1624 sets forth the eligibility requirements as follows:

A person is not eligible for nomination of membership on an assessment appeals board unless he or she meets one of the following criteria:

- (a) Has a minimum of five years professional experience in this state as a certified public accountant or public accountant, a licensed real estate broker, an attorney, a property appraiser accredited by a nationally recognized professional organization, or a property appraiser certified by the Office of Real Estate Appraisers.
- (b) Is a person who the nominating member of the Board of Supervisors has reason to believe is possessed of competent knowledge of property appraisal and taxation.

The newly appointed Board member must complete a training course prior to commencement of his or her term on the Board or as soon as reasonably possible within one year thereafter.

Interested parties can inquire about applications through the Mendocino County Clerk of the Board's office at (707) 463-4441 or by reviewing the application on the Mendocino County's official website at <http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/bos/aab.htm>.

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