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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TO THE CITIZENS OF ORANGE COUNTY

The Orange County Board of Commissioners has established a policy that every four years, all real property in Orange County will be reappraised and adjusted to current market value, consistent with North Carolina statutory requirements. Not all revaluations in North Carolina are the same, however. Although most counties employ outside firms to conduct their revaluation, Orange County has an experienced appraisal staff in the Assessor's Office who are familiar with the County and are always available to answer questions or hear any concerns that citizens may have about their real property values. The Orange County Board of Commissioners, along with management, are committed to , developing annual county budgets that will allow the lowest possible tax rates for 2009 and future years, while continuing to provide first rate education, and efficient, cost effective, quality services to Orange County citizens.

Orange County has recognized an increase in the real estate market since the last revaluation in 2005, and consequently, most real property has seen a gradual increase in value. The Orange County website (www.co.orange.nc.us) is an effective and interactive tool in reviewing your property and your neighborhood. It is important to keep in mind that the more information the Assessor's Office has available about a particular property, the more accurate will be their determination of that property's value. That is why the Assessor urges all citizens who have information that could affect the value of their property to bring it to the attention of the Assessor's office. The Assessor and his staff are available to answer questions or discuss any concerns you may have about your value. In order to provide individual attention and make it easier for you to schedule an appointment with the Assessor's staff, this "Valuation Inpu•& Review Form" has been developed to assist you in presenting your concerns.

In many cases, citizens' real property is the most valuable investment they have. I hope that you will find that the 2009 revaluation process provides a fair estimate of the value of your investment. Please work with the Assessor's staff to ensure that they **have the best possible information** you can provide in assuring a fair value for your property.

Sincerely,

Valerie P. Foushee



Chair, Orange County Board of Commissioners

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