

## Taxpayer Education is a Key Priority for Denton CAD

With the protest season being our busiest and most important season, we need to make sure property owners have all the facts. We have seen various articles written lately that have a number of discrepancies in them and we wanted to make sure taxpayers had proper answers to their questions, so we addressed a few of them here...

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### **Media:**

*"This year, the district sent out its first batch of 100,000 notices, but half of them are inaccurate and still must be corrected."*

### **Denton CAD:**

Denton CAD has mailed out 325k Notices to date, and only 5,700 (0.018%) will receive a corrected notice. The ones who receive a corrected notice will have an insert with their Notice explaining the reason for the correction.

1st Batch - Date on Notice - April 18th / Deadline May 18th

2nd Batch - Date on Notice - May 16th / Deadline June 15th

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### **Media:**

*"In 2019, the last full year of her predecessor, the district had 78 staffers. The county population was 887,000. This year, McClure said she has 85 staffers while the population is estimated at 972,000. Both grew at a rate of about 9%."*

### **Denton CAD:**

The problem with stating "both grew at a rate of about 9%" is the writer is assuming we were properly staffed under the previous Chief Appraiser. From 2016-2019, the previous Chief Appraiser only added 6 new employees, but the CAD added 87,331 parcels (or accounts) that had to be worked.

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### **Media:**

*"The appraised value... is capped at a 10% increase each year."*

### **Denton CAD:**

Inaccurate. If someone had a homestead exemption on their property the prior year, and still has a homestead exemption on that same property this year, they are the only ones eligible for a 10% cap.

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**Media:**

*"We used to get a line on our appraisal notice guessing the estimated tax bill."*

**Denton CAD:**

Denton CAD still has a line on the appraisal notice showing the taxpayer their estimated tax bill. It is not a guess. It is based on the previous year's tax rates (2021). The tax rates for 2022 have not yet been set by the Denton County Taxing Entities.

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**Media:**

*"This year is worse than last year, and last year was pretty bad," says Henley, who resigned from her post. "Things are snowballing. There are troubles in paradise. Taxpayers deserve better than this."*

**Denton CAD:**

Inaccurate. Beverly Henley did not resign from her post. She termed off the Appraisal Review Board (ARB), and could not legally serve any longer. She has not been a part of the District since Dec 2021 and the ARB does not begin again until May 23, 2022.

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**Media:**

*"McClure, who previously never served as a chief appraiser, beat out candidates with far more experience. When I wrote to McClure about how her failures could be seen as a byproduct of nepotism, she did not respond."*

**Denton CAD:**

Inaccurate. Ms. McClure did respond to this statement, but it was not published by the writer. Her response was as follows:

*"I have over 25 years of experience in the appraisal field. I started at Denton CAD in 1995. I have an Associate's degree, Bachelor's degree and Master's degree in Business Administration. Along with every designation that our state offers in the Appraisal District industry. A Registered Professional Appraiser (RPA), Registered Tax Assessor/Collector (RTA), Certified Tax Administrator (CTA) and a Certified Chief Appraiser (CCA).*

*I do not listen to those who have to criticize others, to make themselves feel good. My work ethic, dedication to this District, and credentials speak for themselves."*

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