



OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW  
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BRENDAN F. HOULIHAN  
COMMISSIONER

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Dear Mayor Bennett,

I wanted to inform you that Palos, Bremen, Berwyn, and Lakeview townships are open for appeals at the Cook County Board of Review from January 6th until February 22nd. The Cook County Board of Review is the second level of appeals in appealing property taxes. It is a service for all Cook County residents at no cost to them, and of no risk to them either. Reductions can be made in your property taxes based on evidence of incorrect representation of the property itself, or of similar properties in the area. If a taxpayer believes they are incorrectly assessed, our office is here to help.

An appeal can be argued if a home's market value is overstated, or on what is called *lack of uniformity*. In a case of lack of uniformity, comparable homes within the same property classification, same neighborhood code, and similar square footage should be submitted ([www.CookCountyBoardofReview.com](http://www.CookCountyBoardofReview.com)).

Please feel free to contact my office with any questions you may have at (312) 603-3644. We also provide an extensive outreach program to explain the process of appealing your property tax assessment. We would be happy to attend one of your village meetings, or schedule a seminar for your residents on how to appeal should you feel this is something that could benefit your constituents. These seminars typically last an hour or less. They explain the appeals process, and allow for individuals to file an appeal that same evening. Please contact Phil Utterback at (312) 603-3651 to setup an outreach.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Brendan Houlihan



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