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**Subject:** [External] RESETTING FEES AND RATES RELATING TO ASSESSOR ET AL (PLEASE INCLUDE WITH DOCUMENTS FOR AGENDA #23)

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**NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:  
FINANCE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT GROUP FEES AND  
RATES RELATING TO ASSESSOR/RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK,  
TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR**

I amglad the County Counsel's fee increases are within the bounds of the cost ofliving. With the 100% plus fee increases, what planet is theTreasurer-Tax Collector from? And the Clerk's 189% increase for WrittenAssessment Appeals Board Findings and Conclusion is absolutely outrageous.

Maybehe wants to hide the truth from people who can't afford the 189% raise from\$169.00 to \$490.00 by charging so much.

Inotice that the Treasurer is raising a lot of fees to account for increasedstaff costs, about 6%, excessive but not outrageous. But then, heincreases alot of fees due to the increased time to provide the service. Most of these are services we use already. So, for instance, the 158.3%increase, from \$108.00 to \$279.00, in the Subdivision Map Tax ClearanceCertificate Fee means about a 152% increase for time required in mapreviews and providing the service, which is totally outrageous for an existingservice (see p. 6.)

Ifthese people did not work for the County, they would not get this sort ofraise.

I notice that the Assessor has a new fee for custom image distribution where actual amounts charged to the requestor will vary depending on the nature and extent of the custom request. Sounds like Vegas, but this is SD.

You should reject this and not overcharge the people you represent.