

# Homeowners complain about tax hearing sites

## Staff Report

Washoe County has scheduled a month's worth of property tax appeal hearings at Lawlor Events Center and the Reno-Sparks Convention Center, making some taxpayers angry because of the inconvenience.

"Why do I have to go clear up to the university when I live in the south part of town?" said Gary Bria, who will be fighting the 137 percent increase in land value for his home.

County Manager Katy Singlaub said the locations were chosen because many meetings are scheduled in the county commission chamber this month, including three commission meetings, a joint meeting with Reno and Sparks and the board of adjustment.

"If we could have found an easier solution, we would have," Singlaub said.

The county Board of Equalization will hear appeals for a record 3,493 parcels starting today and continuing to the end of February. Seventeen hearings will be in the Silver & Blue Room. The parking fee to use the garage north of the arena is \$3. People must walk around the arena to get to the Silver & Blue on the south side.

Four hearings are at the convention center, where parking is \$7. People must walk to the south end of the building for the hearings. Street parking is available farther away.

For maps of the parking locations and meeting rooms, go to [www.washoecounty.us](http://www.washoecounty.us)

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