

# STATUS REPORT

**ALERT: #280 DATE:** May 2, 2014 **TO:** Incline Village & Crystal Bay Property Owners **FROM:** Village League Tax Revolt Committee

**Dear Incline Village & Crystal Bay Property Taxpayers,**

Another year is upon us and we're still at it. More than 10 years ago we filed a lawsuit claiming that Incline Village and Crystal Bay property taxpayers were treated differently than other areas in Nevada. The lawsuit claims that our assessments in 2003 and subsequent years were unconstitutional and that all taxpayers in our area were inequitably affected by unconstitutional assessment and should receive equal treatment under the law.

The Courts have ordered the State Board of Equalization to apply the principles of recent landmark Supreme Court decisions and equalize property values for the tax years in dispute. So far, however, the State Board has dodged and stalled. In its most recent action, instead of equalizing as required by court orders and Nevada law, the State Board ordered the assessor to REAPPRAISE all property values for each of the years in question, including those property values already reduced to 2002 levels by the settled law of the Supreme Court.

We believe that such an action by the State Board is clearly illegal and unworkable, and that it violates both the intent and letter of the recent Supreme Court decisions. Thus we are once again in the Supreme Court with this matter. Over the past months our attorneys have perfected and filed briefs before the Court. We await our day in court...again.

We have fought against adverse agendas in the County and State previously, which finally led to the area-wide refunds for the 2006 tax cycle. The present case deals with the earlier years, but the issues are very much the same. With your continued support we intend to finish this battle despite the tactics of local and state officials, until justice is done.

Sincerely,

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