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Mariposa County

Retired Assessor Historical Questionnaire July, 2005

1. Describe your career before becoming assessor. I was an appraiser and a loan officer with several large financial institutions for all of my previous career.
2. Give the milestones of your Assessor career, year elected/appointed, reelection dates, date of retirement. I was appointed to fill a vacancy in 2001 and ran for election in 2002 and took office in Jan. of 2003.
3. Describe your career, if any, after retiring. I hope to travel with my wife of 48 years and play more golf.
4. What was your relationship with your predecessor? I'm not sure; you would have to ask him.
5. What was your relationship with your successor? I think we have a good working relationship.
6. Why did you run for assessor? Because I thought I could do a good job.
7. What do you consider your greatest accomplishments? I would have to say the returning of some \$24000 of overpaid taxes to one individual.
8. What did you wish you could have done differently? Make a stronger effort toward a totally paperless operation, including the appraisal process.
9. What do you remember most fondly about your time in office? The great people I had in my department and the admiration of the quality of my fellow Assessor's.
10. Were there any parts of your career that you wish had not happened? None.
11. What was your relationship with the CAA? Good. A very strong organization.
12. What is your recollection of the "Assessor Scandals" of the 1960s? None. Before my time.
13. Describe the pressure and stress of the Assessor's job prior to the passage of Proposition 13?
 - Did you actively oppose or support Proposition 13? Was not in office at the inception.
 - How did you feel about Proposition 13 now? Personally, this has saved the California taxpayer.

14. Were you involved in State or County politics, other than the Assessor's Office? No, and do not want to be.

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- Were there other offices you ran for while in office as Assessor? No.

16. What kind of person do you think it takes to make a good County Assessor? A very dedicated person and in many instances, a conservative individual.

- Should an Assessor be required to have an appraisal or real estate background? Not necessarily, but it does make a difference. In small counties such as mine, it is good. In the larger counties, the Assessor is more of an administrator and with the proper staff, it is not important.

17. Please add anything that we may have missed in the interview that you think would be interesting.

* Any interesting photos are encouraged. Please include description.