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Assessor Petersen Receives NACo 2016 Achievement Award

Phoenix – The Maricopa County Assessor’s Office’s Residential Desktop Recanvassing Program, received a 2016 Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo). The Recanvassing project, known as Assessment Analyst (AA) after the software, is in its third year and is emblematic of Assessor Paul Petersen’s use of the latest technology to further the office’s mission to provide fair and equitable assessments to Maricopa County property owners.

Staffers, from their desktops, review residential parcels using a defined workflow methodology with several different sources of digital imagery and measurement tools built into the software. This methodology is more efficient, effective, and environmentally sustainable. In addition, it is safer than driving to a neighborhood and trying to measure with a nylon tape the dimensions of homes and other improvements up and down the street. The appraisers in the office can now review a parcel at their desk in 15 minutes time, compared to 45 minutes for them to measure a parcel and its structures in the field, not including travel time to and from the office. As a result of this process, appraisers have increased and reduced square footage to match the structure on the ground, as well as removing and adding component features, such as pools, A/C units, and enclosed garages. In addition, as a part of the constituent service process, we send out an appraiser to physically recheck the parcel for anyone who requests it after their property has been recanvassed.

“I’m excited to receive an Achievement Award for our Residential Desktop Recanvassing Program,” relayed Assessor Petersen, “I’m also grateful and proud of our staff here, who have taken this program from inception, to pilot, to a nationally recognized success. We’re very humbled, and thankful for the recognition, and the ability to represent Maricopa County on a national level.”

For any further inquiries about the Recanvassing Program, or regarding the Assessor’s Office, contact (602) 506-3406, visit our website at mcassessor.maricopa.gov, view our twitter feed @MCAssessor or our Facebook page @MCAssessor as well.

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