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MARICOPA COUNTY ASSESSOR KEITH RUSSELL PROMOTES EXPERIENCED APPRAISER AND AREA MANAGERS TO LEAD PROPERTY UNIT

The Maricopa County Assessor's Office, which has the responsibility of assessing all property located in Maricopa County, and which recently sent out over 1.4 million property notices for the 2008 tax year, has hired Joe Propati to be the new chief appraiser for the office. "I conducted a thorough, nation-wide search for this position, and realized that the best candidate was one with strong ties to the office," said Maricopa County Assessor Keith Russell. Mr. Russell was elected in 2004 and began serving his first four-year term in January of 2005.

Mr. Propati has been with the Maricopa County Assessor's Office for more than 27 years. He has held numerous management positions within the office, including co-manager of the real property division. He holds an advanced certification as an appraiser from the Arizona Department of Revenue, and has completed training from the IAAO, a nationally recognized organization dedicated to training property appraisers. "I very much look forward to the challenges that lie ahead," said Propati, who added that "it will be an awesome responsibility, but one that is made easier by the quality and dedication of the staff in the Maricopa County Assessor's Office."

As Chief Appraiser of the Maricopa County Assessor's Office, Mr. Propati will be responsible for the capture and valuation of all locally assessed property in Maricopa County.

Shortly after his promotion, Mr. Propati announced new area managers to provide enhanced services to citizens, businesses and local jurisdictions throughout the county. After a thorough interview and candidate consideration process, four individuals with a depth of experience with Maricopa County will serve in new capacities. The new managers are as follows:

Scottsdale	Area Manager: Bill Heath
Tempe	Area Manager: Tim Holland
Mesa	Area Manager: Cathe Cuneo
Glendale/Avondale	Area Manager: Armando Chavez

Maricopa County Assessor Keith Russell congratulated the new managers and praised Mr. Propati on the selection for his new management team.

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