

# Property Owner's Notice of Protest

Form 50-132

Tax Year \_\_\_\_\_

Appraisal District's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Appraisal District Account Number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Section 1: Property Owner or Lessee

- Person Age 65 or Older    Disabled Person    Military Service Member    Military Veteran
- Spouse of a Military Service Member or Veteran

Name of Property Owner or Lessee \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address, City, State, ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (area code and number) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address\* \_\_\_\_\_

\* An email address of a member of the public could be confidential under Government Code Section 552.137; however, by including the email address on this form, you are affirmatively consenting to its release under the Public Information Act.

## Section 2: Property Description

Physical Address, City, State, Zip Code (if different than above) \_\_\_\_\_

If no street address, provide legal description: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Home Make, Model and Identification (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 3: Reasons for Protest

**To preserve your right to present each reason for your protest to the ARB according to law, be sure to select all boxes that apply.** Failure to select the box that corresponds to each reason for your protest may result in your inability to protest an issue that you want to pursue.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect appraised (market) value.  | <input type="checkbox"/> Ag-use, open-space or other special appraisal was denied, modified or cancelled.                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Value is unequal compared with other properties.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Change in use of land appraised as ag-use, open-space or timberland.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property should not be taxed in _____ (taxing unit).   | <input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect appraised or market value of land under special appraisal for ag-use, open-space or other special appraisal. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property is not located in this appraisal district or otherwise should not be included on the appraisal district's record. | <input type="checkbox"/> Owner's name is incorrect.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to send required notice. _____ (type)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Property description is incorrect.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exemption was denied, modified or cancelled.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect damage assessment rating for a property qualified for a temporary disaster exemption.                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary disaster damage exemption was denied or modified.  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____   |

## Section 4: Additional Facts

What is your opinion of your property's value? (Optional) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Provide facts that may help resolve this protest:

Section 5: Hearing Type

A property owner does not waive the right to appear in person at a protest hearing by submitting an affidavit to the ARB or by electing to appear by telephone conference call.

I intend to appear in the ARB hearing scheduled for my protest in the following manner (Check only one box):

- Three checkboxes for hearing methods: In person, By telephone conference call and will submit evidence with a written affidavit delivered to the ARB before the hearing begins, and On written affidavit submitted with evidence and delivered to the ARB before the hearing begins.

\*\* If you decide later to appear by telephone conference call, you must provide written notice to the ARB at least 10 days before the hearing date. You are responsible for providing access to the call to any person(s) you wish to invite to participate in the hearing. Review the ARB's hearing procedures for county-specific telephone conference call procedures.

Section 6: ARB Hearing Notice and Procedures

Rather than regular first-class mail, I request my notice of hearing to be delivered by (check one box only):

- Two checkboxes for delivery methods: Certified mail and agree to pay the cost (if applicable), and Email to the electronic address I provided in Section 1 of this form.

If a protest goes to a hearing, the ARB automatically sends each party a copy of the ARB's hearing procedures.

I want the ARB to send me a copy of its hearing procedures ..... [Yes/No checkboxes]

Section 7: Certification and Signature

- Three checkboxes for signature roles: Property Owner, Property Owner's Agent, and Other: \_\_\_\_\_

print here [arrow] \_\_\_\_\_
Print Name of Property Owner or Authorized Representative

sign here [arrow] \_\_\_\_\_
Signature of Property Owner or Authorized Representative Date \_\_\_\_\_

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DEADLINES: With exceptions, the typical deadline for filing a notice of protest is midnight, May 15. (Tax Code Section 41.44) Contact the ARB for the county in which the property is located for the specific protest filing deadline.

NOTICE: The Comptroller's office may not advise a property owner, a property owner's agent, the chief appraiser or any appraisal district employee on a matter that the Comptroller's office knows is the subject of a protest to the ARB. Consult Tax Code Chapter 41 or the ARB hearing procedures for more information.