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Agenda Item: Taxpayers" Bill of Rights Hearing

Meeting Date: 08/27/24 Minutes Exhibit: 8.11

Taxpayer does or does not want to speak at the hearing: Taxpayer does not want to speak at the hearing.

Type of Tax: Property Tax

Speaker's Name: Taxpayer - anonymous

Title (if applicable):

Company (if applicable):

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

E-Mail Address:

Account Number (if applicable):

Taxpayer's Name (if not speaker):

Organization:

Telephone Number:

## Description of Issues:

Currently the process of requesting a reassessment of property assessed values are heavily backlogged. Taxpayers have to wait for upto 6-12 months to get a hearing in front of the board. In the meanwhile they must ensure the timely payment of these property taxes which are under review. In the event that the hearing is in their favor and they do get a reduction in their assessed property value, the payment of the refunds+interest for their excess taxes is only available after an additional few months. This leaves the burden of paying incorrect large amounts of tax on the taxpayer, who has to wait for months to get their refunds and interest back. The county has to fast-track the process for reviewing property value reassessment so that it is completed before the deadline for the first instalment in December. In case it is not possible to complete it by then, the taxpayer should be exempt from paying the property taxes till the correct amount has been decided by the board, to ensure taxpayers are not unfairly taxed larger than what is due towards their property tax. To bring more transparency to the process, the SCC assessors office should also provide the basis of any newly changed assessment amounts (either due to a sale or new construction) in terms of either comparable properties considered or other factors taken into account to determine the assessed value of the

## property. Thank you!

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