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**Kern County Assessor-Recorder Laura Avila Announces Completion of
2025-2026 Assessment Roll**

Kern County, CA – Laura Avila, Kern County Assessor-Recorder, is pleased to announce the successful completion of the 2025-2026 assessment roll. The total assessed value of all taxable property in the county as of January 1, 2025, stands at \$129 billion, marking a \$3.2 billion increase in locally assessed property over the previous year. This increase reflects across-the-board gains in both real property and business property assessments.

Despite state regulations against oil extraction in California, which have significantly impacted one of Kern County's largest economies, oil and gas properties saw a decrease of 12%, reducing their value to \$11.2 billion. Oil and gas properties now comprise 8.7% of the local assessment roll.

However, even with the continued slowdown in the real estate market, primarily due to higher interest rates, Kern County experienced a 4.3% increase in the secured property assessment roll, reaching \$100 billion. This growth underscores Kern County's ongoing appeal as a desirable location for both living and working, attracting substantial investments from large companies.

Ms. Avila extends her heartfelt appreciation to all Assessor's Office employees for their exceptional effort and unwavering commitment throughout the year. Their dedication made it possible to complete the assessment roll on time, an achievement that reflects the highest standards of public service.

This year, the office processed over 23,000 transfers; 15,000 permits; 30,000 Proposition 8 reviews; 12,000 business property assessments; 2,400 oil and gas assessments; 590 wind property assessments; 120 solar assessments; and 8 battery storage facilities. In addition, more than 800 appeals were resolved.

These accomplishments are a testament to the team's professionalism, resilience, and determination. Ms. Avila is truly grateful for the extraordinary work of every staff member, whose contributions continue to make a meaningful difference for the residents and businesses of our county.

Taxpayers can find individual assessed values for the 2025-2026 tax year on the Assessor's website: <http://www.kerncounty.com/government/departments/assessor-recorder>. Ms. Avila encourages property owners to contact the office if they believe the assessed value of their property exceeds its market value as of January 1, 2025. The Assessor's office is committed to ensuring that property owners pay no more in property taxes than prescribed by law. Requests for review or appeals of the 2025-2026 assessment must be submitted by December 2, 2025.





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For more information, please contact: Kern County Assessor-Recorder's Office Phone: (661) 868-3485 Website: <http://www.kerncounty.com/government/departments/assessor-recorder>

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