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Comptroller Elaine Phillips Announces New Review of Nassau County’s Confusing and Complex Property Assessment System

February 15, 2022 – Mineola – Nassau County Comptroller Elaine Phillips today announced a number of new reviews relating to the county’s Department of Assessment. The audit will cover Assessment Rolls for the years 2021 through 2024, as well as the department’s application of the five-year phase-in.

“Nassau County taxpayers are confused and frustrated with our complex property assessment system. It’s my job, as the independent protector of Nassau County taxpayers and residents, to not only ensure that county departments are functioning properly and efficiently, but to see that taxpayers are being treated fairly,” said Comptroller Phillips. “This audit will help restore taxpayers’ confidence that their assessments are not only correct, but also fair.”

The Comptroller’s Office will examine the systems and processes in place and recommend improvements that ensure the accuracy of property values listed on the rolls.

“Comptroller’s Office staff have already done great work identifying many of the problems with the assessment system in place under former county administrations. This new review fulfills my pledge to taxpayers to improve transparency and make sure that county government works for them,” Phillips said.

“I want to commend Comptroller Phillips in fulfilling her promise to the taxpayers to do this reassessment audit. Property assessment is one of the most important issues facing Nassau County right now. We know that the reassessment system and process is broken. Comptroller Phillips’ independent audit is essential, and will provide critical information my colleagues on the legislature and I need to help make the county’s reassessment more fair, accurate and transparent.” said County Executive Bruce Blakeman.

“I welcome Comptroller Phillips’ review of the assessment process to ensure greater accuracy in assessed values and full transparency in how those values are determined. After years of misinformation and mistakes by the previous administration, which resulted in tax increases to 65% of homeowners, it is important that we use every means available to reform how the county assesses properties,” stated Presiding Officer Richard Nicoletto. “The Legislative Majority remains committed to ensuring that the reassessment process is fair and transparent.”

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