

## **Informal Hearing Process**

**Property owners should ensure their protest has been filed and evidence recorded before having an informal meeting with an OCAD appraiser.**

In many cases, a protest may be resolved without the need for a formal hearing. During the informal process, property owners who protest their market value will have an opportunity to present evidence and explain why they believe their market value should be lowered. They may also receive a settlement offer from the appraisal district during this time. Property owners have the option to either accept or reject the offer. If the settlement is rejected, the protest will move forward to a formal hearing.

Informal meetings will be conducted on a first-come, first-served basis

The District will begin formal hearings on May 13. Individuals who requested an informal meeting but have not yet had one will have their informal meeting conducted on the same day as their scheduled formal hearing.