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Hillsborough County Property Appraiser Bob Henriquez's Office announces second consecutive, fiscally responsible budget cut.

Tampa, FL – In a continued effort to promote fiscal responsibility and ensure the efficient use of taxpayer dollars, Hillsborough County Property Appraiser Bob Henriquez is pleased to announce he has successfully cut his office's budget for the second consecutive year.

This budget reduction reflects the organization's ongoing commitment to transparency, cost-effectiveness, and delivery of high-quality services to the community.

"This year's budget cut is the result of a comprehensive review of all programs and operations, with a focus on eliminating waste, improving efficiencies, and optimizing resource allocation," Henriquez said. "By carefully evaluating each department and operation, the HCPA has identified several key areas for improvement, while ensuring services continue to meet the needs of the public.

"We are proud to reduce our budget for the second year in a row," said Henriquez. "This is a testament to our commitment to financial stewardship and the trust the public places in us. We've worked hard to ensure that these cuts don't impact the quality of services we provide, but rather, help us operate more efficiently and effectively."

The budget reduction equates to an estimated 4.94% decrease in operating expenses and a 3.5% reduction in budgeted positions.

Despite these budget reductions, the Hillsborough County Property Appraiser's Office remains focused on its mission to provide exceptional service to residents, businesses, and other stakeholders. The leadership team will continue to prioritize innovative solutions to ensure that taxpayer funds are used prudently while maintaining high standards of service.

"We understand the responsibility we have to the people we serve," Henriquez said. "As we move forward, we will continue to find ways to streamline our operations and maximize the impact of every dollar we spend."

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About the HCPA

The Hillsborough County Property Appraiser is an elected constitutional officer with the duty and responsibility to appraise all property in the County. This includes real estate and tangible personal property (the equipment, machinery, and fixtures) of businesses. For more information, visit <u>hcpafl.org</u>