



## **Harris Central Appraisal District News Release**

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### **Harris Central Appraisal District Chief Appraiser Announces Retirement**

**Houston** —Roland Altinger, chief appraiser of the Harris Central Appraisal District (HCAD) since 2015, has announced his plans to retire at the end of February.

Altinger, 63, joined HCAD in 1988 as an appraiser trainee and worked his way up through the organization. He has served as director of the Information and Assistance division, the second largest division in the district, where he honed his management skills. He became taxpayer liaison officer and worked diligently to solve property owner complaints. He was promoted to assistant chief appraiser and deputy chief appraiser before being named head of the largest appraisal district in Texas and the largest in the country that appraises all property at market value every year.

“My 37 years of service in the district, including nine years as chief appraiser, have been a distinct pleasure and privilege for many reasons,” Altinger said. “Starting in an entry level appraiser position, progressing over time to positions of increasing responsibility, I have seen team members and leaders pull together to do the seemingly impossible year in and year out.

“Annually appraising nearly 2 million parcels covering an area larger than Rhode Island that includes every conceivable property type from vacant land to massive oil refineries is not done anywhere else in the country; and all the while navigating historic natural disasters such as Tropical Storm Allison, hurricanes Ike and Harvey, the Memorial Day and Tax Day floods plus a global pandemic, and with major law and procedural changes enacted every two years.”

Altinger went on to say that the district’s accomplishments have been a team effort.

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“Only the best, most dedicated teams can ever hope to achieve this level of excellence: to be recognized globally (e.g., International Association of Assessing Officers [IAAO] Excellence in Assessment Administration and Distinguished Assessment Jurisdiction awards; ESRI Map Book publication, Volumes 33 and 35), nationally (e.g., Data Corporation Smart City North America Award, Energage Top Workplace USA, Government Finance Officers Association Excellence in Financial Reporting) and regionally (e.g., Houston Chronicle Top Workplace 2017 – 2024 awards).

“I have had a number of opportunities at HCAD such as becoming an IAAO senior instructor, winning the Texas Association of Appraisal Districts (TAAD) Legislative Award and being elected TAAD president because of the support from the staff and the board of directors,” Altinger said. “During my tenure as chief appraiser we have had significant organizational achievements as well, such as changing the name to the Harris Central Appraisal District, paying off the mortgage to the building, adding new stairwells to increase the building capacity, optimizing space usage and upgrading elevators, adding the state-of-the-art Toni Trumbull Training Center and investing in several leadership and staff development initiatives that resulted in staff members earning hundreds of professional designations and 87 percent of leadership positions filled from within the organization.

“I wish to thank the entire HCAD family and the board of directors for helping me along the way, and I am sure the district will continue to improve its service to Harris County residents going forward,” Altinger concluded.

### **About HCAD**

The Harris Central Appraisal District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas established in 1980 for the purpose of discovering and appraising property for ad valorem tax purposes for each taxing unit within the boundaries of the district. The district has approximately 1.9 million parcels of property to assess each year with a total market value of approximately \$902 billion. The appraisal district in Harris County is the largest in Texas, serving more than 500 taxing units, and one of the largest appraisal districts in the United States. For further information, visit [www.hcad.org](http://www.hcad.org).

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