Los Angeles County Assessor Rick Auerbach has scheduled a town hall meeting in Whittier on September 15 for owners of historic homes which qualify for property tax savings under the State Mills Act.

The hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Whittier Community Center at 7630 Washington Avenue in Whittier. The center is located at the corner of Mar Vista Street and Washington Avenue.

In Los Angeles County there are 500 properties, primarily homes, covered by Mills Act guidelines, including 20 in Whittier, where property owners have recently sought clarification about the state law and how real estate market conditions might affect their tax situation.

“Department staff will be on hand to explain Mills Act regulations, which can be somewhat confusing,” Auerbach said, “and our appraisers will answer questions from property owners who want to know how they can benefit from the tax advantages available to those who restore and maintain historic structures.”

The hearing is open to owners of any Mills Act properties, and cities where they are located include Santa Monica, West Hollywood, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Glendale, Sierra Madre, Long Beach, Redondo Beach, Claremont, La Verne, Monrovia, Glendora and Los Angeles.