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## State Board To Reassess Nixon Home

### Santa Ana

State tax assessors will study President Nixon's San Clemente estate to determine if it has been properly assessed, the Orange county Board of Supervisors decided yesterday.

A spokesman for Supervisor Robert Battin said the board voted 3-2 to have the State Board of Equalization reassess the Western White House estate perched on a bluff overlooking the Pacific.

Battin's executive aide, Ted Moraitus, said the job would take two assessors about two weeks to complete. It could get under way near the end of the month, he said.

The chairman of the equalization board, William Bennett, said in Sacramento: "It's something I've been asking that be done. I stand up my previous statements that the property is grossly underassessed."

The house and six acres of oceanfront land where Mr. Nixon stays when in California are assessed at \$1.37 million.

Battin, an accountant and attorney, said previously "It appears that Nixon's property is underassessed by about \$1 million. That means that everyone in the county has to pay higher taxes to make up for that property."

Yesterday's decision to bring in the state assessors fell along party lines: Supervisors Battin, Ralph Dietrich and Ralph Clark all democrats, voted in favor of the move, while Republicans Ronald Casters and David Baker voted against it.

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