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Los Angeles

Assessor Philip Watson, who has had a long-running dispute with county supervisors over tax valuations, has been hospitalized with what seems to be heart trouble, his wife said yesterday.

Watson, 52, will be off work about two months, Superior Court Judge Nancy Watson said.

She said her husband complained of chest pains and felt ill Tuesday and called his physician, who had him

admitted to St. Francis Hospital in Lynwood.

A hospital spokeswoman said Watson is "in satisfactory condition and is resting comfortably in his room."

Supervisors are looking into Watson's assessment practices involving commercial buildings and allegations of favoritism on taxation of yachts owned by campaign contributors.

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