

## Washoe assessor to run for second term

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"My plans haven't changed. When I signed up, I wanted to do four terms," Wilson said. "Certainly, the challenges have made me rethink that.

"Ultimately, I'm the most qualified person to bring the office through these very turbulent times with budget shortfalls and a collapsing real estate market."

Wilson, 36, a Republican, was an appraiser in the office for 7½ years before he took office in 2007.

Wilson said his office is authorized to have 85 positions. But it's currently staffed with 62 because of county-wide budget cuts.

"We are expected to do more with less and quicker," he said.

For the current tax year, Wilson reduced land values countywide by 15 percent and has said they could be reduced similarly for the next tax year because of the housing crisis.

In his first four years, Wilson also has had to contend with a property tax revolt in Incline Village that had begun under his predecessor, Robert McGowan. That has involved thousands of tax appeals, state appeals and a number of court appeals.

In July, all 8,700 homeowners in Incline Village won a major case when their taxable values were slashed. The state board ordered tax refunds that could total \$13 million, which have been upheld by the courts.

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