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### Orange County Property Appraiser's Office Earns High Marks

- 2018 Financial Audit Finds Agency in Compliance -

**Orlando, FL** – For the sixth straight year, Orange County Property Appraiser Rick Singh, CFA, has received the best possible findings from independent auditors who reviewed the finances of the Agency he has led since taking office in 2013. In a report dated January 11, 2019, the firm of Cherry Bekaert CPAs and Advisors – who are contracted through the Orange County Comptroller's Office – found that OCPA's financial statements were "presented fairly" and that the respective changes in financial position from year to year were "in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America."

"There is no greater responsibility than that of earning and keeping the public's trust where the stewardship of finances is concerned," said Singh. "We have failsafe accounting systems in place to plan budgetary expenditures and to track expenses. These annual audits are proof that we are following procedures set forth by Florida's Auditor General. We welcome the scrutiny and offer full transparency in return."

The budget for the Office of the Orange County Property Appraiser for the 2018-2019 fiscal year is \$16.7 million, and the staff of some 145 employees oversees a tax roll of more than \$189 billion.

#### About OCPA

The Orange County Property Appraiser's office (OCPA) provides a fair and equitable tax roll, remarkable service and superior professionalism. The office also assists taxpayers with applying for homestead and other exemptions as well as understanding their Truth-In-Millage (TRIM) Notices and Tax Bills each year. OCPA is an award-winning agency and was recognized in 2018 by the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) with its prestigious "Certificate of Excellence in Assessment," earned by less than 1% of assessment authorities. The Agency has also been honored by the Center for Digital Government with a 2018 "Digital Government Experience" Award citing its effective online strategies for meeting constituent needs.

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