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Andrea A. Raila, President & CEO of ***Raila & Associates, Inc.***, is a real estate tax consultant, and owner of a public policy relations & research firm headquartered in Chicago. For over 17 years Raila has provided consulting services that address the property tax appeal needs of a wide range of property owners. Sponsored to provide tax appeal workshops under the award winning Property Management Training Program by the ***Community Investment Corporation***, her reputation as a successful advocate for property owners grew along with numerous requests to appear before business chambers, radio talk shows, on Phil Ponce's PBS sponsored ***Chicago Tonight*** and numerous Cook County community groups.



Andrea A Raila, President and CEO

Highly regarded as leader who advocates tax reform before county and state legislatures, Raila obtains a high percentage of tax reductions for many modest to fixed income seniors and new homeowners. Achieving an equitable and accessible property tax appeal and assessment system means less work for property tax appeal lawyers -- but striving for reductions in the massive volume of tax appeals in Cook County, which produces the highest number of tax appeals in the nation, makes good public policy. No wonder, Studs Terkel said of Raila "*You are a champ! We need you as the US Minister of Taxes.*"

Raila's recent public survey of 7,000 property owners showed wide support for a call for systemic property tax reform and changes to the Cook County classification assessment system.

Raila is 15 year Associate Member of the ***International Association of Assessing Officers*** (IAAO). And a 15 year member of the ***Better Business Bureau*** where her company was awarded a "Complaint Free" certificate. Ms. Raila was a former property tax appeal case reviewer for the ***Cook County Board of (Tax) Appeals*** from 1983-87. She helped establish and operate the ***City of Chicago's first Taxpayer's Advocate Office***—an agency that helps small property owner's understand and appeal their property tax assessments. She was a consultant to and helped draft the ***Illinois Taxpayer's Federation Study Taxation Without Representation—The Illinois Property Tax System***. She is the author of many articles on property taxation and Cook County's unique tax assessment system.

"The Illinois revenue system has become a beast without a master. We need leadership to make critical systemic reforms to get the beast under control. Incremental changes will not support a statewide need to overhaul a broken system." Andrea A Raila

Andrea Raila resides in Chicago's Edgewater community with her husband, Michael Rohrbeck, and their three children who attend primary school at the Northside Catholic Academy.