



Jack Barnett, APR

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Jack Barnett is the chief communications officer at the Harris County Appraisal District, a position he has held since 2013. He is responsible for all internal and external communications, which includes writing news releases and responding to questions from reporters.

Barnett started his career as a newspaper reporter and worked for several newspapers in Pennsylvania and Texas before joining the Houston Chronicle as a business writer.

He left the Chronicle to become the media relations manager for a Houston-based energy company and has held various positions in public relations and corporate communications with five national and international energy companies.

Barnett earned a Bachelor of Science degree in communications from California University in California, Pa., in 1974 and attended graduate school at Penn State University from 1976 – 1978 specializing in newswriting, public relations and advertising.

He is accredited in public relations and is a member of the Public Relations Society of America.

The Harris County Appraisal District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas established in 1980 for the purpose of discovering and appraising property for ad valorem tax purposes for each taxing unit within the boundaries of the district. The district has approximately 1.8 million parcels of property to assess each year with a total market value of approximately \$691 billion. The appraisal district in Harris County is the largest in Texas, serving approximately 500 taxing units, and one of the largest appraisal districts in the United States. For further information, visit www.hcad.org.