

**SPECIAL MUNICIPAL
ELECTION**
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2011

SAMPLE BALLOT AND INFORMATION PAMPHLET

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE
MAY 23, 2011**

**POLLS OPEN
JUNE 7, 2011, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

**POLLING PLACE LOCATION
ON BACK COVER**

**IT'S QUICK — IT'S EASY
IT'S CONVENIENT
GET OUT OF LINE ON
ELECTION DAY!**

VOTE-BY-MAIL
May 9 - 31
Application on Back Cover

REMINDER
If you have not mailed your voted ballot before election day it may be dropped off at any polling place in the County or at the Registrar Of Voters Office by 8 p.m. on Election Day to count.

POSTMARK NOT ACCEPTED

AVISO IMPORTANTE

Una traducción en Español de esta Boleta de Muestra y Folleto de Información al Votante puede obtenerse en la oficina del Registro de Votantes Llame al (951) 486-7200 o 1(800) 773-VOTE (8683) o visite nuestra sitio www.voteinfo.net



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Did You Know...

- Any voter can vote-by-mail
- You can opt to vote-by-mail once or chose to receive all future ballots by mail
- Vote-by-mail ballots are mailed to voters up to 29 days before Election Day
- A vote-by-mail voter can check online to see if the Registrar has received their ballot
- Vote-by-mail ballots can be returned:
 - * by mail
 - * at any polling place in the County on Election Day
- The back of this pamphlet includes a vote-by-mail application



**EARLY VOTING WILL BE AVAILABLE AT
THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE,**

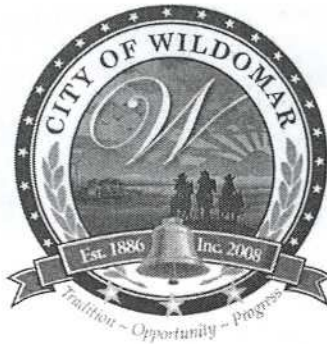
**MAY 9 – JUNE 6 (excluding Holidays),
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.**

and

**ELECTION DAY, JUNE 7,
7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.**



Marsha Swanson, Mayor
Ben Benoit, Mayor Pro Tem
Bob Cashman, Council Member
Bridgette Moore, Council Member
Timothy Walker, Council Member



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Dear City of Wildomar Voter:

On June 7, 2011, the City of Wildomar is conducting a special election to present a proposal authorizing the formation of a City-wide Community Facilities District which authorizes levy of a special tax for the purpose of funding park services for all of the parks. Information in this Sample Ballot and Information Pamphlet will assist you in making an informed choice when marking your ballot.

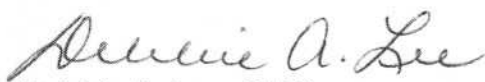
There are several options to cast your ballot in this election.

- **Polling Place** Your polling place is listed on the back of this pamphlet. Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day, June 7.
- **Registrar of Voters Office** You may receive and cast your ballot at the Registrar of Voters Office located at 2724 Gateway Drive in Riverside, Monday – Friday, beginning May 9 through the close of polls on Election Day (excluding Holidays). A drop box is located outside the front entrance for deposit of vote-by-mail ballots 24 hours a day.
- **Vote-by-Mail** Any voter may request a vote-by-mail ballot and return it by mail at their convenience to reach the Registrar of Voters Office no later than the close of polls on Election Day. Postmarks are not accepted. Vote-by-mail ballots may also be turned in at any Riverside County polling place on Election Day.

You can confirm that you are registered to vote at www.voteinfo.net by selecting "Am I Registered?". The last day to register to vote and participate in this election is May 23, 2011. Also, you can confirm that the Registrar of Voters has received your vote-by-mail ballot at www.voteinfo.net by selecting "The Status of My Vote-by-Mail Ballot".

The ballot box is where we exercise our most cherished heritage and our proudest legacy – **the right to vote**. We look forward to counting your vote with your participation on June 7.

Sincerely,


Debbie A. Lee, CMC
City Clerk



TO PROPERLY MARK YOUR OFFICIAL PAPER BALLOT

Please refer to the following instructions on how to properly complete your official paper ballot.

- ✓ Connect the head and tail of the arrow that points to your choice, like the example provided. Check both front and back of ballot for voting contests
- ✓ Use a black ball point pen. Do not use felt tip, red or gel ink
- ✓ One line connecting the arrow is preferred
- ✓ Vote for no more than the number of votes allowed in each contest (e.g. vote for one, vote for no more than two, etc.)
- ✓ Please keep the vote-by-mail ballot folded the same way you received it

TO MARK YOUR VOTE DRAW A LINE



VOTE!!!

**VERY IMPORTANT!!!
IF YOU ARE A VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTER, YOU MUST FILL OUT AND
SIGN YOUR RETURN ENVELOPE!**

For a demonstration on marking your ballot please visit our website at www.voteinfo.net

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT... MARK YOUR BALLOT CORRECTLY

EXAMPLE

CORRECT



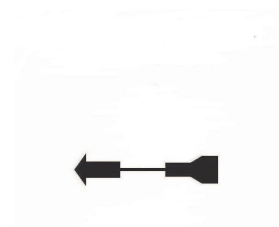
INCORRECT



SAMPLE BALLOT / BOLETA EJEMPLAR
SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION / ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL MUNICIPAL
June 7, 2011 / 7 de junio de 2011

Mark your choices on your sample ballot, then refer to it when you vote / Marque sus opciones en su boleta ejemplar y folleto de información, luego, refiérase a el cuando esté votando

MEASURE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS MEDIDA SOMETIDA A LOS VOTANTES			
CITY / CIUDAD			
CITY OF WILDOMAR CIUDAD DE WILDOMAR			
D Shall Community Facilities District 2011-1 (Wildomar Parks) of the City of Wildomar be formed and authorized to levy a Special Tax at a maximum rate of \$28 per benefit unit to provide park maintenance services? ¿Se debería formar el Distrito de Instalaciones Comunitarias 2011-1 (Wildomar Parks) de la Ciudad de Wildomar y autorizarlo a establecer un impuesto especial a una tasa máxima de \$28 por unidad beneficiaria para proporcionar servicios de mantenimiento de parques?	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"><tr><td style="width: 50%; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">YES SÍ</td><td style="width: 50%; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">NO NO</td></tr></table>	YES SÍ	NO NO
YES SÍ	NO NO		



VOTER'S PAMPHLET INFORMATION SECTION

The following pages contain voter information applicable to your ballot which may include the following items:

- **BALLOT MEASURES**
- **ANALYSES**
- **ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT & IN OPPOSITION**
- **TEXT OF MEASURES**

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Arguments in support of or in opposition to the ballot measures are opinions of the authors.

The text, grammar, and spelling are as submitted by the authors.

POLLING PLACE REMINDER NO ELECTIONEERING!



All electioneering, voter solicitation, etc. is prohibited within 100 feet in any direction of the room where voters are casting ballots.

Avoid wearing or displaying campaign buttons, hats, t-shirts, and other political items.

CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE §§18370, 18371

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF BALLOT MEASURE "D"

Prepared by the City Attorney for the City of Wildomar

Ballot Measure "D" prepared by the City Council for the City of Wildomar and submitted to the electorate in accord with the provisions of Elections Code Sections 9222 and following, presents a proposal authorizing the formation of a Community Facilities District that geographically encompasses all land within the boundaries of the City and that authorizes levy of a special tax for the purpose of funding park services for all of the parks within that District. Special taxes such as this are authorized to be levied and collected through such a Community Facilities District formed under California law so long as approval is given by a two-thirds vote of the electorate at an election held for that purpose.

Ballot Measure "D" limits the manner in which the special tax may be used to the following:

- (1) Within the boundaries of parks within the City, the maintenance and repair of parks which would include, but not be limited to:
 - (a) maintenance and repair of playground or recreation program equipment or facilities;
 - (b) maintenance and repair of parkways, streets, roads and open space;
 - (c) maintenance and repair of lighting, including furnishing of electrical power to lights and repair and replacement of damaged or inoperative light bulbs, fixtures and standards;
 - (d) maintenance and repair of irrigation facilities and replacement of landscaping and vegetation;
 - (e) maintenance and repair of public signage; and
 - (f) graffiti removal.
- (2) Recreational programs and services.

The maximum tax rate would be \$28.00 per year, per "benefit unit," subject to adjustment each year for inflation. Single family property is assigned one benefit unit; multi-family property is assigned one benefit unit per residential unit; non-residential property is assigned two benefit units per acre; and, undeveloped property is assigned one benefit unit per assessor's parcel. The special tax would continue to be levied annually as long as the park maintenance and services are provided within the district.

Meaning of Voting Yes/No

A "Yes" vote on this measure means:

If you vote "yes," you are in favor of the levy of the special tax for the purpose of funding park services within the Community Facilities District at a maximum rate of \$28.00 per benefit unit, subject to annual adjustment for inflation.

A "No" vote on this measure means:

If you vote "no," you do not want the special tax to be levied.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure "D". If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the elections official's office at (951) 677-7751 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE “D”

The City Council of Wildomar is in FAVOR of Measure “D”. Your YES vote on this measure will restore funding and provide for program enhancement for Parks in Wildomar.

Currently, the City does not collect assessments or taxes to fund the maintenance and operation of Parks in Wildomar. In the past, a special benefit assessment created by the County was imposed on some properties now located in the City for these purposes. In 2010, a lawsuit against the County resulted in the Fourth District Court’s invalidation of a \$28.00 a year special Parks assessment, leaving the City without identified resources to maintain and operate the parks within the City.

To remedy this situation, a Blue Ribbon Parks Committee, comprised of Wildomar residents, recommended that Wildomar form Community Facilities District 2011-1 for the purpose of levying special taxes for park maintenance and operations to be collected from all properties within the boundaries of Wildomar.

The City Council voted on March 7th to put the matter of the Community Facilities District and levy of a **maximum special tax of \$28.00 a year per parcel** on the June 7th ballot. This maximum is not subject to change at the discretion of the City; it is **only** subject to annual adjustment based on inflation.

Measure “D”, if approved by the voters, would affirm the formation of the Community Facilities District, which is similar to a Community Services District that Murrieta and Temecula use.

Parks provide many benefits to local communities including venues for organized sports and other programs for residents of all ages, as well as safe places for children to play. Local parks enhance local property values as well.

A Yes Vote on Measure “D” will ensure a stable funding base for current and any future parks.

By: Marsha Swanson, Mayor

Ben Benoit, Mayor Pro Tem

Bob Cashman, Council Member

Bridgette Moore, Council Member

Tim Walker, Council Member

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE “D”

Despite the innuendo and veiled threats of park closures, Measure “D” is not a question of open parks – it’s a question of HIGHER TAXES.

Regardless of how anyone may feel about Measure “D,” everybody in Wildomar wants – and deserves – open parks. And despite the City Council’s call for HIGHER TAXES, the good people of Wildomar already pay enough in taxes to keep our 3 modest public parks open.

The 2010-2011 Wildomar budget began, and is projected to end the fiscal year with an approximate \$1.3 Million dollar cash surplus representing a 14% general fund reserve. And on top of that, the City also has an investment portfolio of over \$1.5 Million dollars representing another 16% of general fund expenditures. Combined, these revenues constitute a surplus of over 30% of general fund expenditures the City has in reserve. Yet the amount of revenues brought in under the former **ILLEGAL ASSESSMENT** to fund park maintenance represents less-than two percent (2%) of current general fund expenditures.

If our sitting Wildomar City Councilmembers are either unwilling or unable to provide for the basic necessities of the community at a cost of less-than 2% of general fund expenditures, when they have at their disposal over 15 times that amount in reserve funds *we’ve already paid in taxes*, they can be replaced by members of the community who will.

Tell the Wildomar City Council to balance the budget without RAISING TAXES. Go to the polls and **Vote ‘NO’ on Measure “D.”**

By: Steve Beutz
StopTheMoneyGrab.com

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE “D”

“MELLO-ROOS? In this economy? During the worst foreclosure crisis ever? You’re joking, right?”

But if Measure “D” passes, the only people laughing at the joke will be the businesses, homebuyers and real estate professionals actively avoiding Wildomar properties when the City becomes one gigantic MELLO-ROOS District.

Shortly after cityhood proponents promised incorporation with ‘NO NEW TAXES,’ our City Council brings us the worst kind of taxes possible – infamously known as “MELLO-ROOS.” And while MELLO-ROOS are a favorite staple of high-priced tax consultants who make large sums of money administering these complex taxing schemes, MELLO-ROOS are universally disdained by unsuspecting taxpayers victimized by them.

To avoid appearances of ‘NEW TAXES,’ these MELLO-ROOS are being framed as “replacement taxes” to the former ILLEGAL ASSESSMENT invalidated by the Courts. However, the number of parcels subject to taxation will NEARLY DOUBLE from less-than 6,900 to greater-than 12,900, and TAX REVENUES WILL INCREASE from less-than \$195,000.00 to potentially greater-than \$350,000.00 per year compared with the ILLEGAL ASSESSMENT.

MELLO-ROOS impose burdensome requirements on taxpayers, including:

- Virtually All Private Property Taxed, Whether Residential or Commercial, Vacant or Improved
- Liens Imposed Annually on All Nonexempt Parcels to Secure Payment of Taxes
- Accelerated Foreclosure in as Little as 5 Months After Payments Overdue, Rather than 5 Years as Normally Applicable
- Tax Increases Every Year Based on Consumer Price Index
- Disclosure Requirements for All Sellers – Purchasers Must Agree to Taxes Before Closing Escrow

MELLO-ROOS are regressive because they affect lower income families disproportionately, but there are NO EXEMPTIONS for SENIOR CITIZENS, the DISABLED, people on FIXED INCOMES, or other similarly disadvantaged individuals.

Reducing the City of Wildomar to an oversized MELLO-ROOS District is a bad idea at the worst possible time. **Vote ‘NO’ on Measure “D.”**

By: Steve Beutz
StopTheMoneyGrab.com

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE “D”

Measure “D” strictly limits the use of tax revenues to cover only maintenance of City parks and provision of recreational services within the City. No bonding for new public infrastructure is authorized by Measure “D”.

The argument against Measure “D” characterizes it as a “Mello Roos” district without explaining the specific limitations that distinguish Measure “D” from earlier forms of Mello Roos public financing structures. Mello Roos districts were originally set up in order to finance the cost of public improvements required by new development such as utilities, roads, schools, libraries, parks and fire stations.

Importantly, **Measure “D” does NOT** propose a new tax for most of Wildomar; it merely replaces the special assessment approved in 2006 on approximately 6,800 parcels in the City. Measure “D” will be levied on the entire community of Wildomar, thereby reducing the per parcel cost.

Mr. Beutz and other opponents were quick to challenge the legality of the senior citizen exemption that was originally proposed for Measure “D”, and they are now equally quick to criticize the City for not adopting that exemption.

For a maximum charge of no more than \$28.00 a year, per parcel, the whole community of Wildomar will benefit from the improved quality of life and increased property values that occur when parks are well maintained and managed.

The City Council of Wildomar has taken a position in FAVOR of Measure “D”.

By: Marsha Swanson, Mayor

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Important Dates!

MAY 9TH
FIRST DAY YOU CAN VOTE

MAY 23RD
CLOSE OF REGISTRATION

MAY 31ST
LAST DAY TO REQUEST A
VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT



JUNE 7TH ELECTION DAY
VOTE AT YOUR POLLING PLACE
DROP OFF YOUR BALLOT AT ANY POLLING PLACE
OR
VOTE AT THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE BY 8:00 P.M.

FROM



DID YOU SIGN YOUR APPLICATION?

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
2724 GATEWAY DRIVE
RIVERSIDE CA 92507-0923**



NOTICE TO THE VOTER WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:

A “YES” or “NO” printed under the disabled symbol/arrow on the back cover of this pamphlet indicates whether or not your assigned polling place is accessible to physically disabled voters. Please be advised of the following alternate ways you may cast your ballot.

- **By mail.** You may request a vote-by-mail ballot. Simply complete the application on the back cover of this pamphlet. The application must be mailed to reach the Registrar of Voters Office by the deadline given.
- **Early Voting.** You may vote at the Registrar of Voters office located at 2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside, CA 92507, May 9 - June 6 (excluding Holidays), Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Election Day, June 7, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **Curbside Voting on Election Day.** If you are unable to enter the polling place due to a physical disability, you may request Curbside Voting at your assigned polling place. Upon arrival at the polling place, you will be allowed to vote in a location as near as possible to the entrance that is accessible to the physically disabled. If you require Curbside Voting, please call 1-877-663-9906 before going to your assigned polling place and/or when you arrive at the facility. An Election Officer will be contacted prior to your arrival to meet you at the curb.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
2724 GATEWAY DRIVE
RIVERSIDE, CA 92507-0918



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Registrar of Voters
Riverside

VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 31, 2011

I hereby request a ballot for the Special Municipal Election, June 7, 2011.

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME AS REGISTERED

RESIDENCE ADDRESS AS REGISTERED

CITY STATE ZIP

I declare, under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

**SIGNATURE
REQUIRED**

SIGNATURE OF VOTER

DATE

MAIL BALLOT TO:

ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT)

CITY STATE ZIP

☐ ☒ Check this box to request PERMANENT VOTE-BY-MAIL status.

↓ POSTMASTER DELIVER TO ↓

33-BCov SPECIAL 06-07-11

**BALLOT
TYPE** 005

✓ You May Cast Your Vote Early

At

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↓ LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE ↓



ACCESS?

