



CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010

SAMPLE BALLOT AND INFORMATION PAMPHLET

VOTE-BY-MAIL

October 4 – 26

**APPLICATION
ON BACK COVER**

**LAST DAY TO
REGISTER TO VOTE**

October 18, 2010

**POLLING PLACE
LOCATION
ON BACK COVER**

Polls Open

**November 2, 2010
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

POSTMARK NOT ACCEPTED

**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.**

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**



COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside, CA 92507 * 951-486-7200 * 800-773-VOTE (8683) * TTY: 951-697-8966
www.voteinfo.net



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO VOTERS

In an effort to maintain current voter rolls and reduce waste, the Riverside County Registrar of Voters will be mailing an alternate residency confirmation notice after the November 2, 2010 Consolidated General Election, pursuant to California Elections Code § 2224 that permits removal from the active voter roll the names of those registered voters who have **NOT** voted in any election nor had their registration updated in the preceding four years.

The pre-addressed return postage-paid card **MUST BE RETURNED** to the registrar of voters if he or she wish to remain on the active voter roll. However, if you receive a card for someone who has moved or does not live at the address shown return the card so that we can maintain a current voter file.

Voters who return the notice with an affirmative response will remain on the active list of registered voters.

Voters who do **NOT** respond affirmatively will be placed on an inactive voter list, and they will no longer receive election materials. If they fail to vote in any election between the time they receive the notice and the next two federal general elections, they may be canceled from the voter file.



VOTE EARLY

IT'S QUICK

IT'S EASY

IT'S CONVENIENT

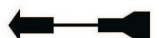
**GET OUT OF LINE
ON ELECTION DAY!**

VOTE-BY-MAIL



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 a vote-by-mail drop off box at any City Hall or County Library
 - * at any polling place in the County on Election Day
- The back of this pamphlet includes a vote-by-mail application



BARBARA DUNMORE
Registrar of Voters



2724 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507-0918
(951) 486-7200 • FAX (951) 486-7272
TTY (951) 697-8966
www.voteinfo.net

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

Dear Riverside County Voter:

The Consolidated General Election is November 2nd. Your ballot will contain contests for federal and state offices, as well as a number of statewide measures. In addition, your ballot may include local contests and measures. This Sample Ballot and Information Pamphlet and your State-issued Voter Information Guide are provided to assist you in making informed choices. You may mark your selections on your sample ballot for easy reference when completing your official 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, November 2nd.



Registrar of Voters Office You may receive and cast your ballot (paper ballots and accessible voting unit available) at the Registrar of Voters Office located at 2724 Gateway Drive in Riverside, Monday – Saturday, beginning October 4th through the close of polls on Election Day. 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.



Vote-by-Mail Drop-off Box Drop-off boxes for vote-by-mail ballots are available at county libraries and city clerks' offices beginning October 4th through November 1st.

You may 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 October 18, 2010.

You may confirm that the Registrar of Voters has received your returned vote-by-mail ballot at www.voteinfo.net by selecting "The Status of My Vote-by-Mail Ballot."

To ensure your ballot is counted promptly and accurately use a single line to connect the arrow and return your ballot by the close of polls (8 p.m.) on Election Day.

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 November 2nd.

Sincerely,

Barbara Dunmore
Registrar of Voters

**CAN'T MAKE IT ON ELECTION DAY?
WE'RE MAKING IT EASY TO VOTE EARLY**



AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION

THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE
2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside, CA 92507

October 4 through November 1
(excluding Holidays)

Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturdays
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Election Day, November 2
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



VOTE-BY-MAIL

You can request your OFFICIAL VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT by using the application on the back of this sample ballot booklet. Return your vote-by-mail ballot by mail or for your convenience, at the following drop-off locations throughout Riverside County October 4 to November 1:

- City Clerks' Offices
- County-run Libraries (as listed)
- The Registrar of Voters Office up until close of polls on Election Day.
- The Registrar of Voters 24-hour Drop Box is available east of the main entry doors.
- At any polling place in Riverside County on Election Day.



Check out our website
for maps to all of the
drop-off locations
throughout
Riverside County at
WWW.VOTEINFO.NET
or
call our office at
951-486-7200 or
1-800-773-VOTE(8683)

CITIES

**Banning
Beaumont
Blythe
Calimesa
Canyon Lake
Cathedral City
Coachella
Corona
Desert Hot Springs
Eastvale
Hemet
Indian Wells
Lake Elsinore
La Quinta
Menifee
Moreno Valley
Murrieta
Norco
Palm Desert
Palm Springs
Perris
Rancho Mirage
Riverside
San Jacinto
Temecula
Wildomar**

COUNTY LIBRARIES

Anza	Lake Tamarisk
Calimesa	Mecca
Canyon Lake	Mission Trail
Cathedral City	Norco
Coachella	Nuvview
Desert Hot Springs	Palm Desert
Eastvale	Paloma Valley
El Cerrito	Perris
Glen Avon	Robidoux
Highgrove	Romoland
Home Gardens	San Jacinto
Idyllwild	Sun City
Indio	Temecula –Grace Mellman
La Quinta	Temecula Public Library
Lake Elsinore	Thousand Palms
Lakeside	Valle Vista
	Woodcrest



TO PROPERLY MARK YOUR OFFICIAL PAPER BALLOT

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



**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

[illegible]

SAMPLE BALLOT/BOLETA EJEMPLAR

Secretary of State Secretario de Estado		Vote for One Vote por Uno
Peace and Freedom Paz y Libertad	MARYLOU CABRAL Community Volunteer Voluntaria comunitaria	↓
Democratic Demócrata	DEBRA BOWEN Secretary of State Secretaria de Estado	↓
American Independent Americano Independiente	MERTON D. SHORT Aviator Aviador	↓
Green Verde	ANN MENASCHE Civil Rights Attorney Abogada de derechos civiles	↓
Republican Republicano	DAMON DUNN Small Business Owner Propietario de pequeña empresa	↓
Libertarian Libertario	CHRISTINA TOBIN Voting Rights Advocate Defensora del derecho al voto	↓
Controller / Contralor		Vote for One Vote por Uno
American Independent Americano Independiente	LAWRENCE G. BELIZ Independent Businessman Empresario independiente	↓
Green Verde	ROSS D. FRANKEL Accountant Contador	↓
Libertarian Libertario	ANDREW "ANDY" FAVOR Certified Public Accountant Contador público certificado	↓
Republican Republicano	TONY STRICKLAND State Senator/Businessman Senador estatal/Empresario	↓
Peace and Freedom Paz y Libertad	KAREN MARTINEZ Retired Jubilada	↓
Democratic Demócrata	JOHN CHIANG Controller Contralor	↓

CA33-1-178

Insurance Commissioner Comisionado de Seguros		Vote for One Vote por Uno
Green Verde	WILLIAM BALDERSTON Teacher/Union Organizer Maestro/Organizador sindical	↓
Democratic Demócrata	DAVE JONES Member, California State Assembly Membro, Asamblea del Estado de California	↓
Republican Republicano	MIKE VILLINES Businessman/State Assemblyman Empresario/Asambleista del Estado	↓
American Independent Americano Independiente	CLAY PEDERSEN Retail Manager Gerente de ventas al por menor	↓
Peace and Freedom Paz y Libertad	DINA JOSEPHINE PADILLA Injured Worker Consultant Consultora de trabajadores lesionados	↓
Libertarian Libertario	RICHARD S. BRONSTEIN Licensed Insurance Broker Corredor de seguros autorizado	↓
Member, State Board of Equalization District 3 Miembro de la Directiva de Impuestos Sobre Ventas, Uso y Otros Distrito 3		Vote for One Vote por Uno
Peace and Freedom Paz y Libertad	MARY LOU FINLEY Special Education Assistant Asistente de educación especial	↓
Republican Republicano	MICHELLE STEEL Member, Board of Equalization Membro, Directiva de Impuestos Sobre Ventas, Uso y Otros	↓
Libertarian Libertario	JERRY L. DIXON Certified Public Accountant Contador público certificado	↓
Democratic Demócrata	MARY CHRISTIAN HEISING Retired Businesswoman Empresaria jubilada	↓
American Independent Americano Independiente	TERRI LUSSENHEIDE Home School Teacher Maestra escolar hogareña	↓

Democratic Demócrata	JUAN VARGAS Attorney at Law Abogado	↓
Republican Republicano	BRIAN HENDRY Educator/Independent Businessman Eduador/Empresario independiente	↓
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY MIEMBRO DE LA ASAMBLEA DEL ESTADO		Vote for One Vote por Uno
	80th Assembly District Distrito de la Asamblea Num. 80	↓
Republican Republicano	STEVE SANCHEZ Small Business Owner Propietario de pequeña empresa	↓
Democratic Demócrata	V. MANUEL PEREZ State Assemblymember Membro de la Asamblea del Estado	↓
JUDICIAL / JUDICIAL VOTE YES OR NO FOR EACH OFFICE VOTE SI O NO POR CADA OFICINA FOR CHIEF JUSTICE OF CALIFORNIA POR JEZ PRESIDENTE DE CALIFORNIA		YES SI NO NO
Shall Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, TANI G. CANTIL- SAKAUYE be elected to the office for the term provided by law? ¿Deberá TANI G. CANTIL-SAKAUYE Juez Asociada de la Corte de Apelación del Tercer Distrito de Apelaciones, ser elegida por votación a la oficina por el periodo que dispone la ley?		↓

(2CZ1)

JUDICIAL / JUDICIAL VOTE YES OR NO FOR EACH OFFICE VOTE SI O NO POR CADA OFICINA	
FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT POR JUEZ ASOCIADO DE LA CORTE SUPREMA	
Shall Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, MING W. CHIN be elected to the office for the term provided by law? ¿Deberá MING W. CHIN , Juez Asociado de la Corte Suprema, ser elegida por votación a la oficina por el periodo que dispone la ley?	
YES Sí	NO NO
FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT POR JUEZ ASOCIADO DE LA CORTE SUPREMA	
Shall Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, CARLOS R. MORENO be elected to the office for the term provided by law? ¿Deberá CARLOS R. MORENO , Juez Asociado de la Corte Suprema, ser elegida por votación a la oficina por el periodo que dispone la ley?	
YES Sí	NO NO
FOR PRESIDING JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL DISTRICT 4, DIVISION 1 POR JUEZ PRESIDENTE, CORTE DE APELACIÓN DISTRITO 4, DIVISION 1	
Shall Presiding Justice, Court of Appeal, District 4, Division 1, JUDITH D. MCCONNELL be elected to the office for the term provided by law? ¿Deberá JUDITH D. MCCONNELL , Juez Presidente de la Corte de Apelación, Distrito 4, División 1, ser elegida por votación a la oficina por el periodo que dispone la ley?	
YES Sí	NO NO
FOR PRESIDING JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL DISTRICT 4, DIVISION 2 POR JUEZ PRESIDENTE, CORTE DE APELACIÓN DISTRITO 4, DIVISION 2	
Shall Presiding Justice, Court of Appeal, District 4, Division 2, MANUEL A. RAMIREZ be elected to the office for the term provided by law? ¿Deberá MANUEL A. RAMIREZ , Juez Presidente de la Corte de Apelación, Distrito 4, División 2, ser elegida por votación a la oficina por el periodo que dispone la ley?	
YES Sí	NO NO
FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL DISTRICT 4, DIVISION 2 POR JUEZ ASOCIADO, CORTE DE APELACIÓN DISTRITO 4, DIVISION 2	
Shall Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, District 4, Division 2, MANUEL A. RAMIREZ be elected to the office for the term provided by law? ¿Deberá MANUEL A. RAMIREZ , Juez Asociado de la Corte de Apelación, Distrito 4, División 2, ser elegida por votación a la oficina por el periodo que dispone la ley?	
YES Sí	NO NO

SCHOOL / ESCOLAR Superintendent of Public Instruction Superintendente de Instrucción Pública	
Vote for One Vote por Uno	
LARRY ACEVES Retired School Superintendent Superintendente escolar jubilado	
TOM TORLAKSON Teacher/California Legislator Maestro/Legislador de California	
DESSERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DISTRITO ESCOLAR UNIFICADO DE DESERT SANDS Governing Board Member Miembro Junta Gobernante	
Vote for no more than Two Vote por no más de Dos	
DONALD B. GRIFFITH Teacher Titular	
MICHAEL ALEXANDER DURAN Incumbent Titular	
NICK HOMER Non-Profit Executive / Teacher Ejecutivo de organización sin fines de lucro / Maestro	
ALLEN HARPER Operating Engineer / Investor Ingeniero operador / Inversionista	
COUNTY / CONDADO Auditor-Controller / Auditor-Contralor	
Vote for One Vote por Uno	
PAUL ANGULO Certified Public Accountant Contador público certificado	
IVAN M. CHAND District Finance Director Director de finanzas del distrito	
CITY / CIUDAD CITY OF INDO CIUDAD DE INDO	

Director, Division 3 / Director, División 3 Vote for One Vote por Uno	
JOHN POWELL, JR. Family Business CEO Funcionario ejecutivo principal de empresa familiar	
MATT MONICA School Board Member Miembro de la junta escolar	
Director, Division 5 / Director, División 5 Vote for One Vote por Uno	
RUSSELL KITAHARA Incumbent Titular	
DEBORAH "DEBI" LIVESAY Water Resources Manager Ingeniero de recursos hidráulicos	

SAMPLE BALLOT/BOLETA EJEMPLAR



RV 178-007

SAMPLE BALLOT/BOLETA EJEMPLAR

CA33-2-CZ1

Shall Judge of the Superior Court of Riverside County CAROL D. CODRINGTON be elected to the office for the term provided by law? ¿Deberá CAROL D. CODRINGTON , Juez de la Corte Superior del Condado de Riverside, ser elegida a la oficina por el periodo que dispone la ley?	YES SÍ NO NO
FOR PRESIDING JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL DISTRICT 4, DIVISION 3 POR JUEZ PRESIDENTE, CORTE DE APELACIÓN DISTRITO 4, DIVISION 3	
Shall Presiding Justice, Court of Appeal, District 4, Division 3, DAVID G. SILLS be elected to the office for the term provided by law? ¿Deberá DAVID G. SILLS , Juez Presidente de la Corte de Apelación, Distrito 4, División 3, ser elegida por votación a la oficina por el periodo que dispone la ley?	YES SÍ NO NO
FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL DISTRICT 4, DIVISION 3 POR JUEZ ASOCIADO, CORTE DE APELACIÓN DISTRITO 4, DIVISION 3	
Shall Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, District 4, Division 3, WILLIAM W. BEDSWORTH be elected to the office for the term provided by law? ¿Deberá WILLIAM W. BEDSWORTH , Juez Asociado de la Corte de Apelación, Distrito 4, División 3, ser elegida por votación a la oficina por el periodo que dispone la ley?	YES SÍ NO NO
FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, COURT OF APPEAL DISTRICT 4, DIVISION 3 POR JUEZ ASOCIADO, CORTE DE APELACIÓN DISTRITO 4, DIVISION 3	
Shall Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, District 4, Division 3, EILEEN C. MOORE be elected to the office for the term provided by law? ¿Deberá EILEEN C. MOORE , Juez Asociada de la Corte de Apelación, Distrito 4, División 3, ser elegida por votación a la oficina por el periodo que dispone la ley?	YES SÍ NO NO

City Council Member Miembro del Concejo Municipal	Vote for no more than Three Vote por no más de Tres
ASCENCION "SAM" TORRES Plumber Plomero	↓
MICHAEL H. WILSON Retired Firefighter / Accountant Bombero Jubilado / Contador	↓
BEN GODFREY Member of the Indio City Council Miembro del concejo municipal de Indio	↓
GENE GILBERT Incumbent Titular	↓
MELANIE FESMIRE Businesswoman / Councilperson Empresaria / Miembro del concejo	↓
ELAINE HOLMES Indio Businesswoman Empresaria de Indio	↓
	↓
	↓
	↓
DISTRICT / DISTRITO	
COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT DISTRITO DE AGUA DE COACHELLA VALLEY	
Director, Division 1 / Director, División 1	Vote for One Vote por Uno
JEFF GERACI Environmental Scientist Especialista de científico	↓
FRANZ W. DE KLOTZ CVWD Director, Appointed Director CVWD, Nombrado	↓
	↓
	↓

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS / MEDIDAS SOMETIDAS A LOS VOTANTES

STATE / ESTADO

19

LEGALIZES MARIJUANA UNDER CALIFORNIA BUT NOT FEDERAL LAW. PERMITS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO REGULATE AND TAX COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, AND SALE OF MARIJUANA. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Allows people 21 years old or older to possess, cultivate, or transport marijuana for personal use. Fiscal Impact: Depending on federal, state, and local government actions, potential increased tax and fee revenues in the hundreds of millions of dollars annually and potential correctional savings of several tens of millions of dollars annually.

LEGALIZA LA MARIHUANA SEGÚN LA LEY DE CALIFORNIA, PERO NO LA LEY FEDERAL. PERMITE QUE LOS GOBIERNOS LOCALES REGULEN Y GRAVEN LA PRODUCCIÓN COMERCIAL, DISTRIBUCIÓN Y VENTA DE MARIHUANA. LEY POR INICIATIVA. Permite que las personas de 21 años de edad o mayores posean, cultiven o transporten marihuana para uso personal. Impacto fiscal: Dependiendo de los actos gubernamentales federales, estatales y locales, posible aumento de las recaudaciones impositivas y de cargos de cientos de millones de dólares anuales y posibles ahorros para correccionales de varias decenas de millones de dólares anuales.

YES

SI

NO

NO

20

REDISTRICTING OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Removes elected representatives from process of establishing congressional districts and transfers that authority to recently-authorized 14-member redistricting commission comprised of Democrats, Republicans, and representatives of neither party. Fiscal Impact: No significant net change in state redistricting costs.

REDISTRIBUCIÓN DE DISTRITOS DEL CONGRESO. ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL POR INICIATIVA. Retira a los representantes elegidos por votación del proceso de establecer distritos del Congreso y transfiere esa autoridad a la comisión de 14 miembros recientemente autorizada a redistribuir distritos, formada por demócratas, republicanos y representantes de ninguno de esos dos partidos. Impacto fiscal: Sin cambios netos significativos para el estado en los costos de redistribución de distritos.

YES

SI

NO

NO

21

ESTABLISHES \$18 ANNUAL VEHICLE LICENSE SURCHARGE TO HELP FUND STATE PARKS AND WILDLIFE PROGRAMS. GRANTS SURCHARGED VEHICLES FREE ADMISSION TO ALL STATE PARKS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Exempts commercial vehicles, trailers and trailer coaches from the surcharge. Fiscal Impact: Annual increase to state revenues of \$500 million from surcharge on vehicle registrations. After offsetting some existing funding sources, these revenues would provide at least \$250 million more annually for state parks and wildlife conservation.

ESTABLECE UN RECARGO ANUAL DE \$18 SOBRE LAS MATRÍCULAS DE LOS VEHÍCULOS PARA AYUDAR A FINANCIAR LOS PARQUES ESTATALES Y LOS PROGRAMAS DE VIDA SILVESTRE. CONCEDE ENTRADA GRATUITA A TODOS LOS PARQUES ESTATALES A LOS VEHÍCULOS QUE PAGARON EL RECARGO. LEY POR INICIATIVA. Exime del recargo a los vehículos comerciales, los remolques y los camper. Impacto fiscal: Aumento anual de las recaudaciones del estado de \$500 millones proveniente del recargo sobre las matrículas de los vehículos. Después de contrarrestar algunas fuentes de financiamiento existentes, esas recaudaciones proporcionarían al menos \$250 millones anuales más para los parques estatales y la conservación de la vida silvestre.

YES

SI

NO

NO

22

PROHIBITS THE STATE FROM BORROWING OR TAKING FUNDS USED FOR TRANSPORTATION, REDEVELOPMENT, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROJECTS AND SERVICES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Prohibits State, even during severe fiscal hardship, from delaying distribution of tax revenues for these purposes. Fiscal Impact: Decreased state General Fund spending and/or increased state revenues, probably in the range of \$1 billion to several billions of dollars annually. Comparable increases in funding for state and local transportation programs and local redevelopment.

PROHIBE QUE EL ESTADO TOME EN PRESTAMO O SE APODERE DE FONDOS DESTINADOS A TRANSPORTE, REURBANIZACIÓN O PROYECTOS Y SERVICIOS DE GOBIERNOS LOCALES. ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL POR INICIATIVA. Prohíbe que el Estado, incluso en épocas de grandes dificultades fiscales, aplaze la distribución de recaudaciones impositivas para estos fines. Impacto fiscal: Menor gasto del Fondo General del estado y/o mayores recaudaciones impositivas del estado, probablemente de entre \$1,000 millones a varios miles de millones de dólares anuales. Aumentos de financiamiento comparables para programas de transporte estatales y locales y la reurbanización local.

YES

SI

NO

NO

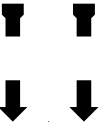
23 SUSPENDS IMPLEMENTATION OF AIR POLLUTION CONTROL LAW (AB 32) REQUIRING MAJOR SOURCES OF EMISSIONS TO REPORT AND REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS THAT CAUSE GLOBAL WARMING, UNTIL UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS TO 5.5 PERCENT OR LESS FOR FULL YEAR. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Fiscal Impact: Likely modest net increase in state and local revenues from suspension of greenhouse gases regulatory activity, resulting in a potentially significant net increase in state and local revenues. SUSPENDE LA IMPLEMENTACIÓN DE LA LEY DE CONTROL DE LA CONTAMINACIÓN DEL AIRE (AB 32) QUE REQUIERE QUE LAS PRINCIPALES FUENTES DE EMISIONES REPORTEN Y REDUZCAN LAS EMISIONES DE GASES DE EFECTO INVERNADERO QUE CAUSAN EL CALENTAMIENTO GLOBAL HASTA QUE EL DESEMPEÑO BAJE AL 5.5 POR CIENTO O MENOS POR UN AÑO COMPLETO. LEY POR INICIATIVA. Impacto fiscal: Probablemente un aumento neto modesto de la actividad económica general en el estado proveniente de la suspensión de la actividad de regulación de los gases de efecto invernadero que podría resultar en un aumento neto significativo de las recaudaciones estatales y locales.	YES SI NO NO
24 REPEALS RECENT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ALLOW BUSINESSES TO LOWER THEIR TAX LIABILITY. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Fiscal Impact: Increased state revenues of about \$1.3 billion each year by 2012-13 from higher taxes paid by some businesses. Smaller increases in 2010-11 and 2011-12. DEROGA LEGISLACIÓN RECIENTE QUE PERMITIRÍA QUE LAS EMPRESAS REDUZIERAN SU OBLIGACIÓN TRIBUTARIA. LEY POR INICIATIVA. Impacto fiscal: Mayores recaudaciones estatales de unos \$1,300 millones anuales para 2012-13 provenientes de impuestos más elevados que pagarían algunas empresas. Menores aumentos en 2010-11 y 2011-12.	YES SI NO NO
25 CHANGES LEGISLATIVE VOTE REQUIREMENT TO PASS BUDGET AND BUDGET-RELATED LEGISLATION FROM TWO-THIRDS TO A SIMPLE MAJORITY. RETAINS TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR TAXES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Legislature permanently forfeits daily salary and expenses until budget bill passes. Fiscal Impact: In some years, the contents of the state budget could be changed due to the lower legislative vote requirement in this measure. The extent of changes would depend on the Legislature's future actions. CAMBIA EL REQUISITO DE VOTO LEGISLATIVO PARA APROBAR EL PRESUPUESTO Y LEGISLACIÓN RELACIONADA CON EL PRESUPUESTO DE LAS DOS TERCERAS PARTES A UNA MAYORÍA SIMPLE. MANTIENE EL REQUISITO DE LAS DOS TERCERAS PARTES DEL VOTO PARA IMPUESTOS. ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL POR INICIATIVA. La Legislatura pierde permanentemente salario diario y gastos hasta que aprueba el proyecto de ley presupuestaria. Impacto fiscal: En algunos años el contenido del presupuesto del estado podría cambiar a causa del requisito de voto legislativo reducido de esta medida. El alcance de los cambios dependería de los actos futuros de la Legislatura.	YES SI NO NO
26 REQUIRES THAT CERTAIN STATE AND LOCAL FEES BE APPROVED BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE. FEES INCLUDE THOSE THAT ADDRESS ADVERSE IMPACTS ON SOCIETY OR THE ENVIRONMENT CAUSED BY THE FEE-PAYER'S BUSINESS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Fiscal Impact: Depending on decisions by governing bodies and voters, decreased state and local government revenues and spending (up to billions of dollars annually). Increased transportation spending and state General Fund costs (\$1 billion annually). REQUIERE QUE CIERTAS CUOTAS ESTATALES Y LOCALES SEAN APROBADAS POR EL VOTO DE LAS DOS TERCERAS PARTES. LAS CUOTAS INCLUYEN LAS QUE ESTAN DIRIGIDAS A IMPACTOS ADVERSOS SOBRE LA SOCIEDAD O EL MEDIO AMBIENTE CAUSADOS POR LAS ACTIVIDADES COMERCIALES DE LOS QUE PAGAN CUOTAS. ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL POR INICIATIVA. Impacto fiscal: Dependiendo de las decisiones de los organismos gubernamentales y de los votantes, menores recaudaciones y gastos de los gobiernos estatal y locales (de hasta miles de millones de dólares anuales). Mayores gastos en transporte y mayores costos del Fondo General del estado (\$1,000 millones anuales).	YES SI NO NO

CA33-3



MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS / MEDIDAS SOMETIDAS A LOS VOTANTES	
STATE / ESTADO	
27 ELIMINATES STATE COMMISSION ON REDISTRICTING. CONSOLIDATES AUTHORITY FOR REDISTRICTING WITH ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Eliminates 14-member redistricting commission. Consolidates authority for establishing state Assembly, Senate, and Board of Equalization districts with elected representatives who draw congressional districts. Fiscal Impact: Possible reduction of state redistricting costs of around \$1 million over the next year. Likely reduction of these costs of a few million dollars once every ten years beginning in 2020. ELIMINA LA COMISIÓN ESTATAL DE REDISTRIBUCIÓN DE DISTRITOS. CONSOLIDA LA AUTORIDAD DE REDISTRIBUCIÓN DE DISTRITOS EN REPRESENTANTES ELEGIDOS POR VOTACIÓN. ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL Y LEY POR INICIATIVA. Elimina la comisión de 14 miembros de redistribución de distritos. Consolida la autoridad de establecer distritos para la Asamblea estatal, el Senado y la Directiva de Impuestos sobre Ventas, Uso y Otros en representantes elegidos por votación encargados de trazar distritos del Congreso. Impacto fiscal: Posible reducción de los costos del estado de redistribución de distritos de cerca de \$1 millón a lo largo del próximo año. Probable reducción de estos costos de varios millones de dólares una vez cada diez años a partir de 2020.	YES SÍ NO NO
COUNTY / CONDADO	
K Shall Ordinance No. 10-002, amending RCTC's existing 2002 voter-approved ordinance to expedite construction of the following types of transportation projects: • Widen freeways including State Routes 91, 71, 79, and Interstates 10, 15, 215 • Widen and improve major streets • Expand Metrolink commuter train services by increasing bonded indebtedness from \$500 to \$975 million of estimated receipts from the Measure A program, without increasing taxes, be approved? ¿Deberá ser aprobada la Ordenanza No. 10-002, que enmienda la ordenanza existente de la RCTC, aprobada por los votantes en 2002 para acelerar la construcción de los siguientes tipos de proyectos de transporte: • Ampliar las autopistas, incluyendo las rutas estatales 91, 71, 79 e interestatales 10, 15, 215 • Ampliar y mejorar las calles principales • Expandir los servicios Metrolink de ferrocarriles de cercanías aumentando el endeudamiento de bonos de \$500 a \$975 millones de los ingresos estimados provenientes del programa de la Medida A, sin aumentar los impuestos?	YES SÍ NO NO
L Shall the proposed Ordinance, requiring voter approval for increases or decreases in public safety employee retirement or pre-retirement death benefits and requiring that the County of Riverside continue the current CALPERS (California Public Employee Retirement System) retirement formula, be adopted? ¿Deberá ser adoptada la Ordenanza propuesta, que requiere aprobación de los votantes para incrementos o reducciones en los beneficios de jubilación de los empleados de seguridad pública o por muerte antes de la jubilación, y que requiere que el Condado de Riverside continúe usando la fórmula actual de jubilación de CALPERS (Sistema de Jubilación de Empleados Públicos de California)?	YES SÍ NO NO
M Shall Ordinance No. 899, requiring voter approval for increases in public safety employee retirement benefits or decreases in job related pre-retirement death benefits, and allowing decreases in retirement benefits, be adopted? ¿Deberá ser adoptada la Ordenanza No. 899, que requiere aprobación de los votantes para incrementos en los beneficios de jubilación de los empleados de seguridad pública o para la disminución de beneficios relacionados con el trabajo por muerte antes de la jubilación, y que permite la disminución de beneficios de jubilación?	YES SÍ NO NO

CITY / CIUDAD					
CITY OF INDIO / CIUDAD DE INDIO					
S The Indio City Services Preservation Measure. To offset state budget cuts and limit cuts to police officers, firefighters, paramedics and ambulance response, pothole maintenance/street repairs, graffiti removal, youth anti-gang/anti-drug programs, senior services, parks and other general City services, shall the existing City of Indio utility users' tax rate be increased three percent, exempting all seniors, requiring annual financial audits, citizens' oversight, with no money going to Sacramento? Medida de preservación de los servicios municipales de Indio. Para contrarrestar los recortes presupuestarios del Estado y limitar recortes de agentes de policía, bomberos, respuesta de paramédicos y ambulancias, reparación de baches/mantenimiento de calles, remoción de graffiti, programas antipandillas/antidrogas para la juventud, servicios para las personas mayores, parques y otros servicios generales de la Ciudad, ¿deberá ser aumentada en un tres por ciento la tasa de impuestos para los usuarios de servicios públicos de la Ciudad de Indio, exceptuando a todas las personas mayores, con el requisito de auditorías financieras anuales y supervisión ciudadana, sin que vaya ningún dinero a Sacramento?	<table><tr><td>YES</td><td>NO</td></tr><tr><td>SI</td><td>NO</td></tr></table>	YES	NO	SI	NO
YES	NO				
SI	NO				



CA33-4-K1



VOTER'S PAMPHLET INFORMATION SECTION

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

- CANDIDATE STATEMENTS
- BALLOT MEASURES
- ANALYSES
- ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT & IN OPPOSITION
- TEXT OF MEASURES

This pamphlet section may not contain a complete list of candidates. A complete list of candidates appears on the Sample Ballot section of this pamphlet. Each candidate's statement in this pamphlet is volunteered by the candidate and is printed at the expense of the candidate unless otherwise determined by the governing body. Deposit amounts required for publication of candidate statements are listed at www.voteinfo.net.

Statements made on the following pages represent the views of the authors and are not endorsed by the County of Riverside. Internet web site addresses included in any statements are provided by the authors. The County of Riverside assumes no liability for the accuracy or content of web sites listed therein.

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.

Campaign Finance Reform

Among all state legislative candidates appearing on ballots in Riverside County, the following persons have pledged to abide by campaign spending limits as specified in the California Government Code. Candidates agreeing to the limits have the opportunity to publish a statement of qualifications in the local sample ballot pamphlet.

This list covers all legislative districts in the County. Not all districts will appear on your ballot.

STATE SENATE, 36TH DISTRICT

Paul Clay, Democratic
Joel Anderson, Republican

STATE ASSEMBLY, 65TH DISTRICT

Carl Wood, Democratic
Paul Cook, Republican

STATE SENATE, 40TH DISTRICT

Juan Vargas, Democratic
Brian Hendry, Republican

STATE ASSEMBLY, 66TH DISTRICT

Douglas P. Dye, Democratic
Kevin D. Jeffries, Republican

STATE ASSEMBLY, 63RD DISTRICT

Renea Wickman, Democratic

STATE ASSEMBLY, 71ST DISTRICT

Gary Kephart, Democratic

STATE ASSEMBLY, 64TH DISTRICT

Jose Medina, Democratic
Brian Nestande, Republican

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,
45TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

STEPHEN P. POUGNET, Democratic
OCCUPATION: Mayor
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

AGE: 47

Friends,

Thanks for taking a moment to review my qualifications to serve you in Congress.

The current Mayor of Palm Springs, I am running for Congress because Washington politicians are failing us here at home. It is time for real change and effective leadership.

The 45th Congressional district, where my children are growing up, is headed in the wrong direction. I join you in being outraged by the Wall Street bailouts, the shipping of our jobs overseas, and the lack of accountability by politicians in Washington.

Clearly, getting Southern California's economy back on track by creating jobs will be my number one priority. As Mayor, I secured a renewable energy hub for the district, which should create 50 companies in 5 years.

TO:

SENIORS, I will fight to preserve the Social Security and Medicare benefits that "you have paid for".

VETERANS, I will ensure that you receive the benefits you deserve from a country where we enjoy freedoms you fought to protect.

STUDENTS, I will make going to college more affordable and accessible. You are the innovators of the future.

WORKING FAMILIES, we are all striving to make ends meet. We are in this together. I will work relentlessly to improve our quality of life.

THOSE LOOKING FOR WORK, I will advocate for tax incentives for small businesses that will put people back to work.

EVERYONE, I am serious about real change. I care about our future. I would be honored to have your vote.

Thank you,

Steve Pougnet

www.ElectPougnet.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

DONALD B. GRIFFITH
OCCUPATION: Incumbent
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

AGE: 50

I have been on the Desert Sands Unified School District Board since 2008. I am an advocate for student achievement, financial responsibility and school safety. As a former teacher in the district, I believe teachers should be allowed to teach to their strengths within the framework of state and federal accountability standards.

I have been practicing law in the Desert since 1992 and have been a resident of the Coachella Valley since 1989. My law practice is located in Palm Desert. I graduated from California State Fullerton and California Southern School of Law. I am a past President (2008-09) of the Desert Bar Association.

Prior to becoming an attorney, I taught public school for nine years and am a former mathematics teacher at Palm Desert Middle School. I am a former member of the Governing Board of Washington Charter School (2000-02), I currently volunteer as an Official for the local Odyssey of the Mind tournaments and assisted in making Palm Desert Middle School into a Charter School.

As a parent of a child attending in the district, I am determined to keep California's financial crisis as far away from students as possible. Please support me for re-election.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

MICHAEL DURAN
OCCUPATION: Incumbent
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

AGE: 49

Attended and Graduated from Indio High School, Bachelor's degree from USC - The University of Southern California school of Business Entrepreneur Program.

Master's Degree in Education with a counseling credential from Azusa Pacific University.

Local Valley Business owner with over 25 years of service and commitment to our Community.

Middle School and High School educator and counselor. High School and College swim and waterpolo coach.

Elected twice to serve as The Desert Sands Teachers Association President.

Active member of:

CTA - California Teachers Association

NEA - National Education Association

FOE - Fraternal Order of Eagles

I respectfully ask for your vote on November 2, 2010

Michael Duran

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

EDWIN NICOLAIDES HOMER
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

The success of democracy in the United States depends upon educated and involved citizens. When we aren't involved, special interest groups fill the void. When we aren't educated, we often make uninformed choices.

The role of schools is to help our children find their gifts in life and become effective citizens by providing them information, experiences, and role models.

With reduced funding and increasing class size, DSUSD needs a singular focus on "all things instructional" when making policy and expenditure decisions — not on "nice to haves." We can make DSUSD better, even in these times!

As a 30-year management consultant and former partner with Price Waterhouse, I have helped hundreds of organizations in seven countries with creative problem solving.

For the past three years, I have substituted in K-12 in almost every school in DSUSD and PSUSD. Also, I am the founder of Good Citizen, a non-profit committed to teaching Americans how to be effective citizens — goodcitizen.org. I am a quick study, respect difference, value common sense, and think independently.

Our children are the country's next generation. We owe it to them to give our best effort. Please help me help the Kids of DSUSD!

HomerForDSUSDKids.org

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

ALLEN HARPER
OCCUPATION: Operating Engineer / Investor
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

AGE: 45

Currently Elected President of Indian Education for Desert Sands Unified School District.

Some of my previous civic involvement include, President of the Indio Middle School Site Council, Vice Chairman of the Indio Planning Commission, Member of the City of Indio Economic Development Committee.

My education includes College of the Desert and SDSU.

My business experience includes, Gaming Commissioner for RedHawk Casino, Equipment Superintendent for Nuevo Engineering, Vice President of Henderson Equipment Rentals, Owner of Harper Trucking Company and for the past 15 years I have been an avid investor in the stock markets and I am a 24 year member of the International Union of Operating Engineers.

My wife, Melanie, and I have lived in Indio for the past 24 years and have recently moved to Indian Wells. Our eldest son, Ronnie, attended and our youngest son, Chad, is attending Desert Sands Unified School District schools.

I believe my business and civic experience will be an asset to the Desert Sands Unified School District and I would appreciate your vote!

Thank you!

barens80@aol.com

[facebook.com/1allenharper](https://www.facebook.com/1allenharper)

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER**

IVAN M. CHAND

AGE: 50

OCCUPATION: Finance Director

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I'd like to thank everyone who voted for me in the June election. Your support resulted in an overwhelming victory in which I earned over 44% of the vote, making me the leading vote getter by a large margin. Now in a run-off election, I need your vote one more time so I can protect our tax dollars as your County Auditor-Controller.

Fiscal Responsibility

My top priority is to protect taxpayer dollars. Local government must end its addiction to unnecessary spending. I believe in balanced budgets that do not raise taxes or increase debt.

The Right Experience

My professional experience in finance, auditing, debt management, and investments uniquely qualifies me to serve as your Auditor-Controller during these difficult times. In my 25 years of service I have been your Assistant Auditor-Controller, County Flood Control District Finance Director, and Riverside County Transportation Commission Chief Financial Officer.

I've lived in Riverside County for over 30 years, have an accounting degree from La Sierra University, a Masters in Public Administration, and am a Certified Government Financial Manager.

Holding Government Accountable

I will work diligently to make the financial dealings of Riverside County more accountable and transparent.

I would greatly appreciate your vote.

www.chandforcountyauditor.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER**

PAUL ANGULO

AGE: 58

OCCUPATION: Certified Public Accountant

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As your Auditor, I will provide strong leadership—bringing 25 years of private industry business experience that has taught me to listen, ask the right questions, and be proactive. Additionally, 8 years in the Auditor-Controller's Office has given me a clear understanding of its operations and essential functions. I will create an environment that ensures fiscal responsibility and accountability; and, I will bring unyielding ethics and integrity.

Action Plan

- Reduce Fraud through Steadfast Auditing
- Reduce Wasteful Spending and Abuse of Resources
- Reduce Labor Costs by Implementing Quality Controls and Streamlining Processes
- Improve Organizational Effectiveness through Root Cause Analyses of Systemic Failures
- Improve Transparency by forming a Citizens Oversight Committee
- Implement the Repair and Replacement Schedule Mandated by Law

Professional Experience

- Certified Public Accountant
- 8 Years Auditor-Controller's Office—Current
- 25 Years Private Industry Business and Management Experience
- University of Redlands, Masters—Management
- UC Berkeley, Bachelors—Political Science/Government
- US ARMY Veteran, Special Forces Trained Engineer

I am the best candidate because I am a licensed CPA with wide-ranging business experience and have been fighting for you since I joined the US Army in 1971.

Endorsed by the Riverside County Volunteer Firefighters Association
Critical issues on: www.paulangulo.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF INDIO**

ASCENCION SAM TORRES

AGE: 51

OCCUPATION: Plumber

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am running for city council in order to offer an alternative to the status quo, To the same old same old. The city needs leadership and council persons that can do the job on day one. Having served 8 years as a councilmember from Perris and 6 years on the March Air Reserve Base Redevelopment and Reuse Commission, I have gained the skills needed to help Indio regain it's stability and eminence.

Skills I have honed while negotiating land swaps and joint use of air strips, environmental clean up and preservation of retired military housing qualify me to serve. I have fought to retain local control of the development process so that developers mitigate the impact of new construction in our community and to create collaborative efforts between schools, community and government to bring nationally recognized job training programs for at risk youth.

I will work with Staff, the businesses' and residents of Indio to forge ahead with a different type of government, one of communication and openness that weighs decisions against the good of the City and the needs of it's residents, a government that understands the burden and struggles of it's constituents.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF INDIO**

MICHAEL H. WILSON

AGE: 45

OCCUPATION: Retired Firefighter / Accountant

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As your next Councilmember, I will protect your tax dollars and speak out against wasteful spending and outrageous salaries. A new leadership team, working with our new City Manager, is paramount to bring trust and transparency back to City Hall. The Council must understand their role and represent the people, ensure economic stability, and not defer their decisions to staff as a rubber stamp

My education and professional experience bring additional strengths and will be a valuable addition on the City Council.

As a 22 yr. Career Firefighter I know Public Safety firsthand and will keep Indio's residents safe. I have Certification in Computer Financial Accounting and Certifications from the University of Pennsylvania, School of Economic Development, and the University of Southern California, School of Business.

As a former Councilmember, serving 13yrs., I have the experience, history, knowledge, and strong record, to hit the ground running and prevent the mistakes of the last several years by adopting sound fiscal policies. I have served on numerous distinguished Boards and Commissions throughout Riverside County.

My priorities are: Fix the structural Budget Deficit, Public Safety, Jobs, Retail tax base, and Youth/Senior programs.

I ask for your Vote on Nov. 2nd.

www.wilson4indio2010.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF INDIO**

BEN GODFREY

OCCUPATION: Indio City Councilman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

During my time on council, I have had the opportunity to address change and foster relationships with residents and businesspeople. With your help, we have improved roads, bridges, housing, parks, water systems and facilities for seniors and teens. But our work is not done.

Jobs must be the battle cry for the future. A bold, aggressive economic development plan must include improving the cost effectiveness of government, creating jobs, and encouraging new residential, commercial and light industrial growth that produce jobs and generate tax revenue. Our plans will address our current challenges while keeping Indio on track to be a great place to live, work and raise a family.

I pledge to maintain the highest level of public safety and community service programs. I support plans for a transportation center and College of the Desert campus in Old Town. With these facilities, Indio will take a giant step in becoming the place to be.

My passion and vision for Indio is strong. I will demand the highest standards while focusing on the well-being of Indio. I ask for your vote for Ben Godfrey on November 2nd by absentee ballot or at your polling place.

Please visit www.reelectgodfrey.com

**CONTINUED
ON
NEXT PAGE**

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF INDIO**

GENE GILBERT

AGE: 61

OCCUPATION: Mayor / Retired DA Investigator
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am proud to serve as your Mayor during these challenging times and ask for your continued support.

I have worked hard to keep the promises I made to you; improve streets, water, parks and public safety. Today Indio is safer, cleaner and our crime rate is the lowest of the Valley's nine cities. But we have more work ahead.

During the next four years, I will not waver in my commitment to ensure our Public Safety professionals have the tools and training needed to keep our city safe. I will continue to make the hard decisions to keep Indio's budget balanced. I will encourage private sector job growth and continue to promote new business development.

I make it a point to be available to all the people, hosting Town Hall meetings and holding "Open Door" sessions at City Hall. My phone 347-6865 and email ggilbert4indio@aol.com are available to everyone.

Born and raised in Indio, we raised our family here. I worked 18 years with the Indio Police Dept and 13 years with the DA's Office in Indio before retiring. My commitment to Indio is never-ending.

I ask for your vote for reelection to the Indio City Council. Thank you.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF INDIO**

MELANIE FESMIRE

OCCUPATION: Business Woman
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Tough times demand tough leadership! I'm working for taxpayers to fight for stronger public safety, stop credit card abuses, cut excessive salaries; hired an independent auditor, established a citizens committee to eliminate waste; require strict city government accountability, transparency.

I'm fighting for local control of your tax dollars to stay working in Indio. I refuse to let Sacramento's raids on millions in City revenues threaten Indio's fiscal stability, hurt public safety, or undermine quality of life.

We've worked too hard to build Indio into a first-class City with quality services, and balanced the City budget by hiring a new City Manager at a greatly reduced salary, early retirements, layoffs of non-essential personnel, eliminating vacant positions, cost-cutting in all departments, and other efficiency measures.

Our future depends on increasing/improving streets, water quality, business, jobs, building codes, parks, animal shelter, community, family programs, Indio Teen and Senior Centers.

Protecting our City and residents is my first priority.

I refuse to compromise public safety, and will fight to retain 911 emergency operations and experienced police officers, maintain the strength of the police and fire departments and response times, and zero-tolerance enforcement on gangs, drugs, and graffiti.

Leadership accountable to taxpayers.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF INDIO**

ELAINE HOLMES

OCCUPATION: Indio Businesswoman
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As your next Councilwoman, I will work to promote Indio as a business and resident friendly City. Our City Council must adopt policies that generate job opportunities, create revenues and support the ongoing success of Indio.

I will faithfully manage our City's resources and protect the investment we have made in our neighborhoods, business centers and our downtown. I pledge to maintain the services that enhance our quality of life, especially our public safety, youth and senior programs.

I will demand that we operate within budget restraints and follow sound, responsible business practices.

My education and professional experience will be a valuable addition to our Council.

I am a college graduate and worked 20 years for Fortune 500 companies. My husband Doug and I are Indio business owners. I've served on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, started the Downtown Business Association, and I am an active civic volunteer.

I am ready to apply my experience to our City Council and work to keep Indio moving in the right direction.

Together, we can build on the strengths of our culturally diverse community, ensure economic stability and enhance the positive perception of our city.

Vote Elaine Holmes for Indio. www.elaineholmes2010.com.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 1**

FRANZ W. DE KLOTZ

AGE: 49

OCCUPATION: Businessman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Franz De Klotz. As a long-time local businessperson involved with farming and marketing local produce, I am dedicated to ensuring a clean, safe and adequate water supply at reasonable rates for all Coachella Valley citizens. My interest in water management and community service dates back 27 years to when I graduated from Fresno State with a degree in Plant Science and more recently as your current Coachella Valley Water District Director for Division 1.

As an agricultural and commercial water user, I understand the complexities of water stewardship. From employing water saving shade house technology in my business, to using a CVWD smart controller at home to maximize efficiency, my water knowledge is rooted in real life experience. This past year I have worked to foster strong community alliances through trust and respect while earning the support of leaders from Congress, the state legislature and local governments. Together we are working toward common-sense solutions to complex water recycling and conservation issues that ultimately ensure a strong economy and healthy environment.

With your vote, I will continue to enact responsible and professional policy that will provide for future generations in our valley. Thank you for your consideration.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 3 JOHN P. POWELL, JR. AGE: 45 OCCUPATION: Family Business CEO EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS: I am a lifelong resident of the Coachella Valley, and former CVWD Board Member. When I last served ten years ago, District reserves were over \$200,000,000.00, water supplies were increasing and rates were low. Now the reserves are diminished, water supplies are threatened and/or reduced, and rates are skyrocketing. I can help. We must expand our water supply with new water and conservation. I was a member of the CVWD QSA negotiating team that successfully secured significantly more water. Since I have been off the board, this Agreement has been subject to legal challenge, and is now in jeopardy. I am a successful businessman who knows how to live within a budget by finding efficiencies and eliminating waste. CVWD is spending too much of your money and I will work to change this. I am neither a bureaucrat nor lifetime politician. I will work for you as long as needed, then get off the board. I will donate 100% of my board compensation to the Boys & Girls Club, and work to eliminate lavish insurance and other perks for CVWD Board Members. My experience with water and the CVWD cannot be matched. More info at http://cvwd2010.blogspot.com.	CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR DIRECTOR, COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 3 MATT MONICA AGE: 65 OCCUPATION: School Board Member EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS: This is the time for all of us to understand the importance of water conservation. The Coachella Valley continues to exceed the amount of replenished water annually. Imported water is a necessary component of our supply, but continues to be costly and restricted. Rain and snow help replenish our supply but not at the necessary level. Replenishment practices are lagging behind water needs in the Coachella Valley. In order to meet our water needs, conservation must be combined with the passage of Proposition 18 on November 2, 2010. Also known as "The Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Act of 2010", this will allow California to upgrade the water system. Water issues are a rarity on the ballot. We have an opportunity to avert a water crisis with the passage of Proposition 18 and future generations will thank us. I am 66 years old and have lived in the Coachella Valley for 37 years. I am married to Maryann for 42 years and we have sons Matt Jr. and Joseph. I am a Marine Corps Veteran, Rotarian and have served on the Desert Sands School District Board of Education for 24 years. Vote for Matt Monica on November 2. mmonica3@earthlink.net

MEASURE "K" – COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

ORDINANCE NO. 10-002

AN ORDINANCE OF THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION REQUESTING THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TO CONDUCT A SPECIAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 2, 2010 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY A MEASURE WHICH WOULD MODIFY THE COMMISSION'S AUTHORIZATION LIMIT TO ISSUE LIMITED TAX BONDS AND, IF APPROVED, WOULD AUTHORIZE SUCH INCREASE.

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2002, the voters of Riverside County approved Measure "A", authorizing the Riverside County Transportation Commission (Commission) to impose a retail transactions and use tax of one-half percent for a period of thirty (30) years to fund certain transportation improvements and programs serving Riverside County; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that in order to expedite the construction of improvements and implementation of programs funded with the Measure "A" retail transactions and use tax, it is desirable to modify the maximum aggregate principal amount of limited tax bonds, which the Commission may have outstanding at any time; and

WHEREAS, state law requires that the maximum amount of limited tax bonds which the Commission have outstanding at any time be approved by a majority of the voters casting ballots on the issue;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Request for Election. The Commission requests the Riverside County Board of Supervisors to call an election seeking voter approval of a measure (the Measure), which would modify the bond limit as set forth in Section 2, below. The election shall be held on November 2, 2010, and may be consolidated with other elections to be held on that date. Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 240303, the election shall be called and conducted in the same manner as provided by law for the conduct of elections by the county and the sample ballot shall comply with the requirements of Public Utilities Code Section 240308(d). Approval of the Measure shall require a vote of a majority of the electors voting on the Measure at the election described in this section.

SECTION 2: Modification of Bond Limit. Upon the approval of a majority of the electors voting on the Measure at the November 2, 2010 election, the maximum aggregate principal amount of limited tax bonds which may be outstanding at any one time under Section VI of Ordinance 02-001 of the Riverside County Transportation Commission shall be increased to \$975 million.

SECTION 3: Approval by Commission; Effective Date. This Ordinance has been adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors of the Commission. If approved by the electors, the Ordinance shall take effect at the close of the polls on November 2, 2010.

SECTION 4: Status of Ordinance No. 02-001. Except as expressly amended herein, all other provisions of Ordinance No. 02-001 shall remain in full force and effect. This ordinance shall not affect the nature of the Measure "A" sales tax, the maximum tax rate, the purposes for which the revenue derived from the tax shall be used, the term of the tax, or the Expenditure Plan adopted as part of Measure "A."

SECTION 5: Further Acts. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to take all actions necessary and proper to implement this Ordinance, including, without limitation, the execution of related documents, agreements or other instruments or correcting technical errors in this Ordinance or related documents.

SECTION 6: Severability. If any provision(s) of this Ordinance is (are) for any reason held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, that holding shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or Ordinance No. 02-001, and the Commission declares that it would have passed each and every part of this Ordinance irrespective of the validity of any other part.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14th Day of July, 2010

Bob Buster, Chair
Riverside County Transportation Commission

ATTEST:

Jennifer Harmon
Clerk of the Board

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE “K”

In November 2002, the voters of Riverside County approved a 30-year renewal of the transportation sales tax known as Measure “A” to fund certain transportation improvements and programs in Riverside County. Measure “A,” as required by state law, includes a limit on the amount of bonded indebtedness that can be utilized to finance projects. The current limitation on bonded indebtedness backed by Measure “A” revenue, in the aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding, is not to exceed \$500 million.

This measure, if adopted, would increase the current limitation on bonded indebtedness backed by Measure “A” revenue, in the aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding, to \$975 million.

An increase in the amount of the bonded indebtedness will not impact the transportation sales tax imposed. An increase in the amount of the bonded indebtedness will allow construction of certain transportation projects to be expedited.

A majority of the electors voting on this measure must vote “yes” in order for the measure to pass. Passage of the measure will result in Ordinance 10-002 of the Riverside County Transportation Commission becoming effective at the close of polls on November 2, 2010.

By: Dana M. Smith,
Deputy County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE “K”

In this economy, nothing is more important than providing jobs – high-paying jobs located here in Riverside County. More importantly we need to create these jobs NOW!

Thanks to record low interest rates and lower bids on new construction, we can reshape Riverside County’s transportation system earlier so that we can better plan for traffic, improve public safety, and provide for a brighter economic future. Most importantly, Measure “K” does not raise, lengthen or effect current tax rates now — or in the future.

Proven Track Record

Measure “K” is based on previous Riverside County voter approval of Measure “A”, a half cent transportation sales tax program. By a two-thirds vote margin, Measure “A” guaranteed implementation of a number of voter-approved projects, they include:

- Widening the 91 Freeway in Riverside and Corona
- Widening I-215
- Improving freeway interchanges in the Coachella Valley, Riverside, Murrieta, Temecula, Moreno Valley and Mira Loma
- Expanding Metrolink service to Moreno Valley and Perris
- Improving major streets throughout the county

Invest in Jobs and Economic Recovery

The purpose of this measure is to allow the Riverside County Transportation Commission to sell an additional \$475 million in bonds to finance voter approved transportation projects. It’s a modest increase over the current level, limits indebtedness to less than 25 percent of the Measure “A” revenues and is based on strict fiscal safeguards.

No New Taxes!

Most importantly, this will be done without raising or modifying the existing Measure “A” tax rate in any way. Investing in additional projects NOW will:

- Create more than 25,000 construction jobs.
- Ensure lower project costs.
- Lower commute times
- Provide additional Metrolink service

Measure “K” will enable Riverside County to invest in voter-approved projects sooner to benefit taxpayers, and do so WITH NO INCREASE IN TAXES.

Vote YES on Measure “K” and help our County recover and succeed NOW!

By: Marion Ashley,
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

Kay S. Cenicerros,
Retired Educator

Mary H. Curtin,
Former Secretary/Treasurer Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Richard R. Oliphant,
Founder and Board Member, Coachella Valley Economic Partnership

G. Richard Olds, M.D.,
Dean, University of California, Riverside, School of Medicine

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE “K”

Wasteful spending by national, state, and local government is increasing the public debt, bringing calls for higher taxes, and costing people jobs.

The politicians pushing Measure “K” hope voters will ignore that and allow them to borrow nearly \$1 billion in the promise of job creation.

They claim Measure “K” approves a “modest increase” in the debt limit. Raising the debt limit 95% to borrow nearly \$1 billion is hardly modest. It is obscene.

The backers of Measure “K” promise that it will create more than 25,000 jobs. That is a highly questionable claim that sounds much like an empty promise we’ve all heard before from other politicians.

Last year, Congress passed a \$787 billion Economic Stimulus bill that dramatically increased the national debt promising it would create jobs. The President signed the bill promising it would put an end to rising unemployment.

That didn’t happen. Despite the increased deficit spending, unemployment still went up. In Riverside County our unemployment rate was 8.5% before the Stimulus. Today our unemployment rate has soared to 15.3%.

If these borrow and spend policies could not pull our nation out this economic slump, we should not expect them to help Riverside County’s economic recovery.

The Federal Debt is over \$13 trillion and growing. The State’s Debt is set to rise to over \$131 billion. Riverside County’s Debt is \$2.5 billion.

Help break this constant cycle of borrowing by our politicians and force government to live within its means.

Vote No on Measure “K”.

By: Brian Floyd,
Riverside County Taxpayers For Accountable Government

Michael S. Geller,
Moreno Valley Taxpayers Association

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE “K”

Riverside County is \$2.5 billion in debt. Last year, the County spent over \$89 million of taxpayer money to pay the interest on its long-term debt.

Voters should reject Measure “K” because it will allow politicians to increase the amount of debt that we taxpayers will be responsible for paying back with interest.

In a previous election voters were asked to tax themselves to help fund transportation projects. Voters approved this tax with the requirement that our government would limit the amount of debt for these projects to \$500 million.

After voters approved this tax, the politicians trusted with spending the money now claim they need to take on a much higher level of debt. They want to virtually double the amount of debt they can incur for these infrastructure projects and raise the debt limit to an astonishing \$975 million.

The principle and interests payments on such debt will easily be over \$1 billion.

During these tough economic times our scarce tax dollars are greatly needed for the vital services our communities require. Our money should not be spent making even larger interest payments to make already rich Wall Street bond sellers even richer.

When the average person maxes out a credit card and is only making the minimum monthly payment, the credit card company doesn't simply come in and double the cardholders credit limit. We should not be doing that for our local politicians.

Government must live within its means. Instead of allowing government to saddle us with more debt and greater interest payments, we need to stand up and put an end to these borrow and spend policies.

It's time to stop government from borrowing money it doesn't have and hold our local politicians accountable for their spending by voting NO on Measure “K”.

By: Michael S. Geller,
Moreno Valley Taxpayers Association

Brian Floyd,
Riverside County Taxpayers For Accountable Government

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE “K”

Improve Riverside County roads and create jobs WITHOUT new Taxes! Join Riverside County business and community leaders in voting YES on Measure “K”.

Tell our local officials to deliver needed transportation improvements TODAY.

Measure “K” will:

- **Improve our roads WITHOUT increasing taxes** for the General Fund of Riverside County or any other local government agency.
- Build on the success of the previously approved transportation improvement measure passed by two-thirds of County voters in 2002.
- **Deliver a VOTER APPROVED list of projects that widen our freeways, improve local streets, and support METROLINK service.**

Measure “K” allows the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), an agency of your local elected representatives, to finance transportation improvement projects when we need them....TODAY! This means voter approved projects will be built years ahead of schedule, saving costs, while creating thousands of good paying local construction jobs NOW!

TAXPAYER PROTECTIONS ARE REQUIRED. Measure “K” continues important taxpayer protections put in place by voters in 2002 requiring funding to be spent on VOTER APPROVED improvements to highways and local streets.

Measure “K” simply allows RCTC, with a proven track record for strict accountability, local control, and an unblemished credit rating, to invest in our County's future. Most importantly, it does this with **NO INCREASE IN TAXES.**

Please join us and vote for Improved Roads and More Jobs. **Vote YES on Measure “K”.**

By: MARION ASHLEY,
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

KAY S. CENICEROS,
Retired Educator

MARY H. CURTIN,
Former Secretary/Treasurer,
Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO

RICHARD R. OLIPHANT,
Founder and Board Member,
Coachella Valley Economic Partnership

G. RICHARD OLDS M.D.,
Dean, University of California Riverside, School of Medicine

MEASURE “L” – COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

The People of the County of Riverside ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the *Public Safety and Taxpayer Protection Act of 2010*.

SECTION 2. FINDINGS.

- (a) Given current budgetary constraints, the People of Riverside County find that it is necessary and appropriate to protect taxpayers by prohibiting any increases in the current formula for retirement and death benefits provided to public safety employees without a vote of the electorate.
- (b) It is also the desire of the People of Riverside County to protect its public safety employees by ensuring that the widows and orphans of the County's firefighters, sheriff and other public safety employees are provided for if they are killed in the line of duty.
- (c) The People of Riverside County further determine that it will promote budgetary stability to prohibit changes in the formula for retirement and death benefits of public safety officers without a vote of the electorate, so as to allow the County to accurately forecast its future retirement expenditures.
- (d) The People of Riverside County further recognize that reducing the retirement benefits for current employees would be an unlawful impairment of contract in violation of Article I, Section 10 of the United States Constitution, as well as Article I, Section 9 of the Constitution of the State of California
- (e) The People of Riverside County find that fulfilling these goals – of freezing retirement benefits for public safety employees while ensuring that the families of public safety employees killed in the line of duty are provided for – will help the County continue to attract and retain skilled and experienced public safety employees by providing them and their families with predictability in their retirement and death benefits.

SECTION 3. Chapter 3.10 is added to the Riverside County Code to read:

CHAPTER 3.10 RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES

Section 3.10.010 Definitions.

For purposes of this Chapter, the following definitions apply:

- (a) “Retirement Benefits” means those retirement benefits offered to public safety employees and their survivors as of the effective date of this measure, and includes Service Retirement, Disability Retirement, Industrial Disability Retirement, Survivor Continuance, and Retiree Health Benefit.
- (b) “Death Benefit” means those pre-retirement death benefits offered to beneficiaries of public safety employees as of the effective date of this measure.
- (c) “Retirement Benefit Formula” means the retirement benefit formula currently in place for public safety employees, which is known as “3% @ 50”, and includes the current limitation on these benefits of 90% of final compensation.
- (d) “Retirement System” means the California Public Employee Retirement System (“CalPERS”) or any successor retirement system
- (e) “Public Safety Employees” means those employees who are defined as safety employees under CalPERS as of the effective date of this measure, including but not limited to firefighters and peace officers.

Section 3.10.020 Limitations on Changes To Retirement and Death Benefits.

The Board of Supervisors shall not take any action, by ordinance, resolution, or otherwise, which increases or decreases the retirement benefit formula of, or increases or decreases pre-retirement death benefits to the beneficiaries of, any past, current, or future public safety employee of Riverside County in the retirement system, without first obtaining the approval of a majority of those qualified electors voting on the matter. This section shall not apply to cost of living adjustments, salary increases, and annual leave or compensatory time cash outs.

Section 3.10.030 Effect Of Changes In Retirement System

This ordinance shall apply with equal force to any Retirement System in place now or in the future. If CalPERS ceases to offer the 3% @ 50 Benefit Formula, or if Riverside County ceases to contract with CalPERS for retirement and death benefits, the County shall nonetheless continue to offer the same retirement benefit formula and pre-retirement death benefits to public safety employees. If the same retirement benefit formula or the same pre-retirement death benefits are not available under the retirement system then in force, the County shall provide retirement and death benefits that are substantially similar.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENTS.

This ordinance shall not be modified, amended or repealed, except by a majority vote of those qualified electors in Riverside County voting on the matter.

SECTION 5. CONFLICTS AND COMPETING MEASURES.

- (a) In the event this ordinance conflicts with the terms of any other ordinance, resolution, or policy of the County, this ordinance shall control.
- (b) In the event that another measure ("competing measure") appears on the same ballot as this ordinance which seeks to adopt or impose provisions that differ in any regard to, or supplement, the provisions or requirements contained in this ordinance, the voters hereby expressly declare their intent that if both the competing measure and this ordinance receive a majority of votes cast, and if this ordinance receives a greater number of votes than the competing measure, this ordinance shall prevail in its entirety over the competing measure without regard to whether specific provisions of each measure directly conflict with each other.
- (c) In the event that the competing measure and this ordinance receive a majority of votes cast, and the competing measure receives a greater number of votes than this ordinance, this ordinance shall be deemed complementary to the competing measure. To this end, and to the maximum extent permitted by law, the provisions of this ordinance shall be fully adopted except to the extent that specific provisions contained in each measure are deemed to be in direct conflict with each other on a "provision by provision" basis pursuant to *Yoshisato v. Superior Court* (1992) 2 Cal.4th 978.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The People of Riverside County hereby declare that they would have adopted the ordinance and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The provisions of this ordinance shall be considered as adopted upon the date that the vote is declared by the Board of Supervisors and shall go into effect 10 days after that date, as provided for in Section 9122 of the California Elections Code.

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE "L"

This measure, if adopted, would prohibit the Riverside County Board of Supervisors from taking any action to increase or decrease the current retirement benefit formula or increase or decrease the current death benefits to any past, current or future public safety employee or past, current or future beneficiary, without first obtaining a majority vote of qualified electors who vote on the matter.

Voter approval would not be required for cost of living adjustments, salary increases, and annual leave or compensatory time cash-outs.

The ordinance would also require the County of Riverside to continue to offer the same CalPERS 3% @ 50 Benefit Formula, or substantially similar benefit, for retirement of public safety employees, as defined by CalPERS, even if CalPERS cease to offer the 3% at 50 and even if the County of Riverside were to no longer contract with CalPERS. It would also require the County of Riverside to continue to offer the same, or substantially similar, pre-retirement death benefits to public safety employees.

"Public Safety Employees" are those defined by CalPERS as all local police officer, local sheriffs, firefighters, safety officers, county peace officers, and school safety members, employed by a contracting agency who have by contract been included within the system.

"Retirement Benefits" are defined as service retirement, disability retirement, industrial disability retirement, survivor continuance, and retiree health benefits of public safety employees and their survivors. "Death Benefits" are defined to include pre-retirement death benefits offered to beneficiaries of public safety employees.

A majority of the electors voting on this measure must vote "yes" in order for the measure to pass. In the event of a competing measure, this measure will prevail over the competing measure in the event both measures receive a majority of votes cast but this measure receives a greater number of votes than the competing measure. Passage of this measure will result in the ordinance becoming effective 10 days after the vote is declared by the Board of Supervisors.

By: Dana M. Smith, Deputy County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE “L”

Voters should vote Yes on Measure “L” because it will make it illegal for Riverside County officials to increase or decrease the pension benefits paid to its public safety employees without a vote of the people.

Measure “L” will also make it illegal for Riverside County’s politicians to increase or decrease the death benefits paid to the spouses and children of Deputy Sheriffs killed in the line of duty without a vote of the people.

Measure “L” simply gives the voters more power over the spending decisions of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors.

Like Proposition 13 protects taxpayers by requiring a vote of the people to approve local bond debts, Measure “L” will require a vote of the people should Riverside County negotiate higher pensions with the unions for public safety employees.

In the past, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors gave larger pensions to the unions that represent Riverside County’s public safety employees without a vote of the people.

If Measure “L” is passed, the voters will be able to approve or reject any pension increases County Supervisors agree to in closed door meetings with these unions.

Today, County politicians can raid the public safety pension fund or cut the safety net provided to the widows and orphans of Deputy Sheriffs killed in the line of duty without a vote of the people.

If Measure “L” is passed, the voters will have the power to approve or reject any attempts by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors to raid the public safety pension fund or to cut the Death Benefits paid to the families of fallen officers.

Hold politicians accountable for their spending and protect the families of the Deputy Sheriffs who put their lives at risk to protect our families.

Vote Yes on Measure “L”.

By: Ruben Rasso,
Deputy Sheriff, Ret.

Darren Hoopingarner,
Riverside County Firefighter

Joe Lucsko,
Supervising Probation Officer, Ret.

Brian Floyd,
Riverside County Taxpayers For Accountable Government

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE “L”

DON'T LOCK-IN GOLD-PLATED PUBLIC UNION PENSIONS

Who wrote Measure “L”? The public employee union that wants to permanently lock-in skyrocketing, gold-plated pensions, even as unemployment tops 15% in Riverside County and thousands of our neighbors lose their homes to foreclosure.

The union knows Measure “L” makes it virtually impossible to even reduce lavish, taxpayer-funded pensions without a costly election.

DON'T BE FOOLED BY THE UNION'S MISLEADING ARGUMENTS

Measure “L” promoters claim it ensures that politicians can't “raid the public safety pension fund.” The truth is state law prohibits anyone, including politicians, from raiding the pension fund. And no one can “cut the death benefits” promised to deputy sheriffs killed in the line of duty.

This union's extravagant pension program is actually draining the County's General Fund, which pays for vital services like sheriff's deputies and fire protection. These services will be cut if taxpayers are forced to keep paying for fat public union pensions.

Don't be fooled by the union-hired political operatives who signed the argument in favor of Measure “L”.

It's you – the taxpayer – who will be left holding the bag for these unaffordable pensions.

STOP PUBLIC EMPLOYEE UNION PENSION ABUSE

PROTECT TAXPAYERS

VOTE NO ON MEASURE “L”

By: Jon Coupal,
President, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

Robert E. Bowers,
Riverside County Pension Reform Committee Member

Patricia “Corky” Larson,
Former Executive Director Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Former County Supervisor (1982-1994)

Cindy Roth,
President Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce

Victor Miceli,
Retired Riverside County Superior Court Judge

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE “L”

MEASURE “L” LOCKS-IN GOLD-PLATED PENSION BENEFITS VOTE “NO” ON MEASURE “L” TO PROTECT TAXPAYERS

Measure “L” was written and paid for by a public employee union seeking to permanently lock-in gold-plated pension benefits for its members – already the most generous and expensive in the six Southern California counties.

Don’t be fooled by the deceptive language in Measure “L”.

Measure “L” makes it nearly impossible for Riverside County to ever reform pension benefits that by 2016 will consume one-third of the County’s entire public safety personnel budget. Much-needed reform could save taxpayers \$80 million over the next decade.

Don’t be fooled by deceptive claims from the public employee union bankrolling Measure “L”.

The Deputy Sheriffs’ union is spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to pass Measure “L” because it wants to block pension reform.

The union’s claims about widows and children of fallen peace officers are designed to produce well-earned sympathy, but that’s not what Measure “L” is really about.

Neither the Board of Supervisors nor the public would ever consider arbitrarily reducing such benefits.

The real intent of Measure “L” is to create a process so expensive and complicated there can never be meaningful pension reform for members of this union.

It costs taxpayers up to \$2 million to pay the retirement benefits for just one of these union workers, who can retire at age 50 and receive up to 90% of their highest salary for life. This debt contributes to \$6 billion in county employee pension liabilities.

Unless we do something to reform this system, taxpayers will eventually have to choose between severe reductions in essential county services or significant tax increases.

VOTE “NO” ON MEASURE “L” TO PROTECT TAXPAYERS

By: Jon Coupal,
President, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

Robert E. Bowers,
Riverside County Pension Reform Committee Member

Cindy Roth,
President Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce

Patricia “Corky” Larson,
Former Executive Director Coachella Valley Association of Governments

John G. Gabbert,
Riverside County Superior Court Judge (ret.)

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE “L”

Those against Measure “L” left out several facts that undermine their argument.

FACT: Riverside County’s Public Safety Pension Plan is financially strong with \$1.4 billion in assets.

FACT: Measure “L” takes power away from politicians and gives the people the right to vote on how much is paid in public safety pensions. It does not permanently lock these pensions in at today’s level.

FACT: Measure “L” could save taxpayers millions of dollars by preventing the Board of Supervisors from giving bigger pensions to public safety employee unions by requiring voter approval of any increases.

FACT: The average retired Riverside County peace officer is 60 years old and receives a pension of \$34,385 annually. They do not receive Social Security benefits for their time serving Riverside County.

FACT: Nearly 60,000 residents signed petitions to put Measure “L” on the ballot.

FACT: Jon Coupal, the Sacramento-based activist fighting Measure “L”, pushed a proposition in 2005 that would have eliminated the current Death Benefits paid to the widows and orphans of all California Firefighters and Police Officers killed in the line of duty.

FACT: The wives and children of Riverside County’s law enforcement officers have no control over the conditions their husbands and fathers face protecting our neighborhoods and families from crime and violence.

Politicians should not be allowed to cut or eliminate the Death Benefits paid to the widows and orphans of officers killed in the line of duty.

You can protect Deputy Sheriff’s families and your tax dollars by voting Yes on Measure “L”.

By: Ruben Rasso,
Deputy Sheriff, Ret.

Joe Lucsko,
Supervising Probation Officer, Ret.

Brian Floyd,
Riverside County Taxpayers For Accountable Government

MEASURE "M" - COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 899

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE PROHIBITING
INCREASES IN AND ALLOWING DECREASES IN PUBLIC
SAFETY PENSIONS WITHOUT VOTER APPROVAL**

The people of the County of Riverside ordains as follows:

Section 1. **TITLE.** This ordinance shall be known as the Taxpayer Protection and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2010.

Section 2. **FINDINGS.**

- a. Given current budgetary constraints, taxpayers should be protected against increases in retirement and death benefits provided to public safety employees without voter approval.
- b. Widows and orphans of public safety employees whose death has been determined to be job related, however, shall be protected and benefits paid to such beneficiaries upon the death of the public safety employee shall not be reduced without voter approval.
- c. Given the County's fiscal crisis, retirement benefits for future public safety employees may need to be reduced. It is the intent that the Board of Supervisors continue to retain the discretion to reduce retirement benefits to the extent permitted by law.
- d. Existing public safety employees have a right to receive certain retirement benefits that were promised them upon employment. This ordinance does not allow the reduction of retirement benefits or death benefits which would constitute an unlawful impairment of contract in violation of Article 1, Section 10 of the United States Constitution or Article 1, Section 9 of the Constitution of the State of California.

Section 3. **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this ordinance is to prohibit increases in public safety employee retirement and death benefits without voter approval and to clarify that the Board of Supervisors retains the discretion to decrease public safety employee retirement and death benefits, to the extent permitted by law, without voter approval.

Section 4. **DEFINITIONS.**

- a. Death Benefits. Pre-retirement death benefits offered to public safety employees and their survivors as of the effective date of this measure.
- b. Public Safety Employees. Employees who are defined as safety employees under the California Public Employee Retirement System ("CalPERS") or any successor retirement system.
- c. Retirement Benefits. Retirement benefits offered to public safety employees and their survivors as of the effective date of this measure, and includes service retirement, disability retirement, industrial disability retirement, survivor continuance, and retiree health benefit.
- d. Retirement Benefit Formula. The retirement benefit formula currently in place for public safety employees, which is known as "3% @ 50," and includes the current limitation on these benefits of 90% of final compensation.
- e. Retirement System. The CalPERS or any successor retirement system.

Section 5. **LIMITATIONS ON CHANGES TO RETIREMENT AND DEATH BENEFITS.**

- a. The Board of Supervisors shall not take any action, by ordinance, resolution, or otherwise, which increases the retirement benefit formula of, or increases death benefits to the beneficiaries of, any past, current or future public safety employee of Riverside County in the retirement system, without first obtaining the approval of a majority of those qualified electors voting on the matter. This subdivision shall not apply to cost of living adjustments, salary increases and annual leave or compensatory time cash outs.

- b. The Board of Supervisors hereby retains the discretion to decrease the retirement benefit formula of, or decrease death benefits to the beneficiaries of, any past, current or future public safety employee of Riverside County in the retirement system without first obtaining the approval of a majority of those qualified electors voting on the matter. This subdivision shall not apply to pre-retirement benefits paid to the beneficiaries of a public safety employee whose death has been determined to be job-related. A reduction of such benefits for those beneficiaries of public safety employees whose death has been determined to be job-related shall not be made without first obtaining the approval of a majority of those qualified electors voting on the matter.
- c. Before submitting any increase in the retirement benefit formula or death benefits to a vote of the electorate, or decreasing the retirement formula or death benefits, the County shall meet and confer with public safety employee representative groups if required by the Myers Milias Brown Act (Government Code section 3505 et seq.).
- d. No reduction in retirement benefits or death benefits shall be taken which would constitute an unlawful impairment of contract in violation of Article 1, Section 10 of the United States Constitution, as well as Article 1, Section 9 of the Constitution of the State of California. If CalPERS ceases to offer the 3% at 50 benefit formula or if Riverside County ceases to contract with CalPERS for retirement and death benefits, the County shall not be required to offer the same retirement benefit formula and pre-retirement death benefits to public safety employees unless the failure to do so would constitute an unlawful impairment of contract under the federal or state constitutions or violate federal or state law.

Section 6. AMENDMENTS. This ordinance shall not be modified, amended or repealed, except by a majority vote of those qualified electors voting on the measure.

Section 7. CONFLICTS AND COMPETING MEASURES.

- a. In the event this ordinance conflicts with the terms of any other ordinance, resolution or policy of the County, this ordinance shall control.
- b. In the event that another measure ("competing measure") appears on the same ballot as this ordinance which seeks to adopt or impose provisions that differ in any regard to, or supplement, the provisions or requirements contained in this ordinance, the voters hereby expressly declare their intent that if both the competing measure and this ordinance receive a majority of votes cast, and if this ordinance receives a greater number of votes than the competing measure, this ordinance shall prevail in its entirety over the competing measure without regard to whether specific provisions of each measure directly conflict with each other.

Section 8. SEVERABILITY. If any provision or portion of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance. It is hereby declared that the ordinance and each and every provision and portion thereof would have been adopted irrespective of the fact that any one or more provisions or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 9. EFFECTIVE DATE. Pursuant to section 9122 of the Elections Code, this ordinance shall take effect ten days after the vote is declared by the Board of Supervisors.

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE "M"

This measure, if adopted, would prohibit the Riverside County Board of Supervisors from taking any action which would increase the retirement benefit formula or death benefit of any past, current or future public safety employee or their beneficiaries without first obtaining a majority vote of qualified electors who vote on the matter.

Decreases in the retirement benefit formula of, or death benefits of, any past, current or future public safety employee or their beneficiaries would not require voter approval. However, voter approval would be required for any reduction in benefits paid to beneficiaries as a result of a job-related death of a public safety employee.

Voter approval would not be required for cost of living adjustments, salary increases and annual leave or compensatory time cash outs.

The County of Riverside, if CalPERS ceases to offer the 3% at 50 benefit formula or if the County of Riverside ceases to contract with CalPERS for retirement and death benefits, would not be required to offer the same retirement benefit formula and pre-retirement death benefits to public safety employees unless failure to do so would violate federal or state law or constitute an unlawful impairment of contract under the federal or state constitution.

If required by the Myers Milias Brown Act, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors would meet and confer with public safety employee representative groups before submitting any proposed increase in benefits to the voters or before instituting any decrease in benefits.

"Public Safety Employees" are those defined by CalPERS as all local police officer, local sheriffs, firefighters, safety officers, county peace officers, and school safety members, employed by a contracting agency who have by contract been included within the system.

"Retirement Benefits" are defined as service retirement, disability retirement, industrial disability retirement, survivor continuance, and retiree health benefits of public safety employees and their survivors. "Death Benefits" are defined to include pre-retirement death benefits offered to beneficiaries of public safety employees.

A majority of the electors voting on this measure must vote "yes" in order for the measure to pass. In the event of a competing measure this measure will prevail over the competing measure in the event both measures receive a majority of votes cast but this measure receives a greater number of votes than the competing measure. Passage of this measure will result in Riverside County Ordinance 899 becoming effective 10 days after the vote is declared by the Board of Supervisors.

By: Dana M. Smith
Deputy County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE "M"

PUT AN END TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PENSION ABUSE.
VOTE YES ON MEASURE "M".

Gold-plated pensions for public employees have pushed many local governments in California to the brink of bankruptcy.

Riverside County taxpayers have been left holding the bag for over \$6 billion in employee pension liabilities.

A Riverside County Deputy Sheriff can retire at age 50 and receive up to 90 percent of his or her highest salary for life, along with generous health care benefits. The cost to taxpayers for each deputy's retirement benefits can be up to \$2 million.

Many former public safety employees are among the 87 county retirees receiving pensions ranging from \$100,000 to \$195,000 annually.

By 2016, retirement benefits will consume one of every three dollars of the county's entire public safety personnel budget. That means losing tens of millions of dollars needed to put deputies on the street to protect you and your family.

Those who put their lives on the line to protect us deserve fair retirement benefits, but those benefits must also be affordable for taxpayers.

Measure "M" requires voter approval to increase pension benefits, but it also enables the Board of Supervisors to negotiate with the union to reduce benefits in the future.

In Orange County, the Board of Supervisors persuaded public employee unions to support a new pension system modeled on less-costly private-sector retirement plans. It not only saved taxpayers money, it was less costly for employees.

Measure "M" ensures the Riverside County Board of Supervisors can negotiate similar cost-saving reforms to protect taxpayers while preserving fair benefits for public employees.

That's why the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers' Association and all five members of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors strongly urge you to vote YES on Measure "M" to reform pensions and give voters control.

By: Jon Coupal,
President, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

Robert E. Bowers,
Riverside County Pension Reform Committee

Cindy Roth,
Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce President

Patricia "Corky" Larson,
Former Executive Director, Coachella Valley Association of Governments

John G. Gabbert,
Riverside County Superior Court Judge (ret.)

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE "M"

Measure "M" is hypocritical and full of loopholes that could prove costly to taxpayers.

It was placed on the ballot by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors and will not affect the excessive pensions of these politicians, their staffs, or the County's top administrators.

Measure "M" only targets the pensions of Riverside County's law enforcement officers who go to work each day risking their lives to keep our communities safe from crime and violence.

The pensions of retired rank and file Deputy Sheriffs are not "Gold-Plated." The average retired Deputy Sheriff earns a \$34,385 annual pension.

These Deputies all contributed money to their pensions. They don't receive Social Security benefits for their time serving Riverside County. Most pay a substantial amount of money for health insurance out of their own pockets.

But the generous pensions that will be paid to County Supervisors and exempt from Measure "M" can easily be described as "Gold-Plated."

The Press-Enterprise recently exposed that most Riverside County Supervisors will receive bigger pensions when they leave office than the average Firefighter or Deputy Sheriff will make in retirement.

If County Supervisor Bob Buster leaves office at the end of his term, he will receive an annual pension of over \$139,000.

County Supervisor John Benoit already makes over \$100,000 annually as a retired State Employee on top of his \$143,031 salary.

Don't allow politicians to target peace officers while exempting their pension increases from voter approval.

Reject the hypocrisy and these City of Bell type politics. Vote No on Measure "M."

By: Ruben Rasso,
Deputy Sheriff, Ret.

Joe Lucsko,
Supervising Probation Officer, Ret.

Brian Floyd,
Riverside County Taxpayers For Accountable Government

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE “M”

Measure “M” will not protect your tax dollars or control government spending.

It was placed on the ballot by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors to preserve their political power so they can cut the reasonable benefits of Riverside County’s law enforcement officers without a vote of the people.

Measure “M” does nothing to control the pay, perks, or pensions of Riverside County’s Supervisors or top administrators.

- Measure “M” does not give voters the power to reject salary increases paid to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors.

Since 1997, total compensation for a County Supervisor increased over 130%. County Supervisor Bob Buster’s compensation climbed from \$69,463 to \$160,366 in just ten years.

- Measure “M” does not give voters the power to prevent County Supervisors from driving luxury cars at taxpayer expense.

The Press-Enterprise reported last year that County Supervisors were driving expensive vehicles that cost more than \$50,000 each at taxpayer expense.

- Measure “M” does not give voters the power to stop Riverside County’s politicians and administrators from receiving pensions larger than those earned by the firefighters and police officers who risk their lives protecting our communities.

The average pension paid to a retired Riverside County public safety employee is less than \$35,000 annually. But the majority of the Board of Supervisors will make over \$100,000 as an annual pension. Supervisor John Benoit will get a significant bump in his retirement since he already gets almost \$100,000 each year from the pension he’s paid as a retired State employee.

Voters should reject this flawed initiative that does nothing to limit the pay, perks, and pensions of Riverside County’s politicians and top administrators.

Stop City of Bell type of politics. Vote No on Measure “M”.

By: Ruben Rasso,
Deputy Sheriff, Ret.

Joe Lucsko,
Supervising Probation Officer, Ret.

Brian Floyd,
Riverside County Taxpayers for Accountable Government

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE “M”

MEASURE “M” STOPS PUBLIC UNION PENSION ABUSE

Measure “M” puts the taxpayers and voters in charge of county pensions, not public employee unions and special interests. The reforms in Measure “M” can save taxpayers \$80 million over the next 10 years.

Measure “M” protects hardworking Riverside County taxpayers from a public employee union that opposes badly needed pension reforms. This union refuses to change its pension plan. The pension liability to public safety employees is projected to be \$1.82 billion by June 2010. The County’s unfunded public safety pension liability is \$194 million.

Today, 15% of Riverside County residents are out of work. Home foreclosures are rampant. Annual County tax revenues have plummeted by \$192 million.

But members of the union opposing Measure “M” continue to fight pension reform. Maybe it is because union members can retire at age 50 with up to 90% of their highest salary - up to \$107,518 annually, as well as partial monthly health care benefits. These lavish benefits put taxpayers on the hook for up to \$2 million for a single union retiree.

No wonder the union wants to change the subject! They’re hiding this outrageous taxpayer rip-off behind a smokescreen of false claims and misleading rhetoric.

The truth is Measure “M’s” reforms apply equally to all public safety personnel.

It’s time to rein in runaway public employee pension benefits that Riverside County taxpayers cannot afford.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE “M” FOR REAL PENSION REFORM

By: Jon Coupal,
President, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

Robert E. Bowers,
Riverside County Pension Reform Committee Member

Patricia “Corky” Larson,
Former Coachella Valley Association of Governments Executive Director
Retired County Supervisor (1982 - 1994)

Cindy Roth,
Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce President

Victor Miceli,
Retired Riverside County Superior Court Judge

MEASURE “S” – CITY OF INDIO

ORDINANCE NO. XXXX

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDIO,
AMENDING CODE OF INDIO TITLE III, CHAPTER 34, SECTIONS 153,
154, 155, 156, 158, 173 AND ADDING SECTION 176, RAISING THE CITY
OF INDIO'S UTILITY USERS' TAX RATE BY THREE PERCENT (3%),
REQUIRING ISSUANCE OF A PUBLIC AUDIT REPORT REGARDING
UTILITY USERS' TAX, AND CREATING A CITIZENS' FINANCE
ADVISORY COMMISSION TO REVIEW AND MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS BASED UPON SAID REPORT.**

WHEREAS, the City of Indio, California (“City”) levies a Utility Users’ Tax (“UUT”) pursuant to Title III, Chapter 34, Sections 150 through 199 of the Code of Indio, Ordinance No. 1539 passed, approved and adopted by vote of the people of the City on November 4, 2008; and

WHEREAS, over the past two years, the City has made millions of dollars in cuts from the city budget in order to operate as efficiently as possible; and

WHEREAS, the cost for essential services is still greater than existing revenues; and

WHEREAS, despite making over \$10 million in cuts, the City is still projecting more than a \$3 million annual deficit; and

WHEREAS, the City has already made budget cuts to address its deficit, by significantly reducing the total number of city employees providing service to the community, including: the early retirement of 29 employees retired, saving \$3.1 million; outright layoffs of 23 full-time service providers eliminated, saving \$2.6 million; and positions left vacant- 10 positions, saving \$1.3 million; and

WHEREAS, with state funding being cut due to the \$21+ billion dollar budget deficit and the slowdown in the local economy, the City simply does not have enough money to maintain vital local services; and

WHEREAS, without additional local funds the City will be forced to make additional cuts to services, including our most costly services like public safety, which makes up 66.4% of General Fund expenditures, Public Works, which is 13.6% and Community Development which is 9.2%; and

WHEREAS, the Community has expressed clear priorities for the City of Indio, including a strong desire to:

- Retain 9-1-1 emergency dispatch operators;
- Maintain the City’s ability to respond quickly and effectively to a natural disaster such as earthquakes;
- Maintain 9-1-1 emergency communications equipment, such as radios and computers;
- Maintain 9-1-1 emergency response times;
- Continue police gang and drug enforcement programs; and
- Retain experienced and preventing the City from having to lay off police officers; and

WHEREAS, studies show that as the economy gets worse, crime goes up, and the City has determined that without the additional funds provided by a local revenue source the City will have to cut the number of police officers patrolling our streets and neighborhoods and cut funding for youth gang and drug prevention programs, which are essential to keep our City safe, and stop gang members from surrounding areas from coming into our City; and

WHEREAS, recently, the City has made important community upgrades, which includes building a new neighborhood fire station, improving local streets and roads, parks, creating new programs at our local teen and senior centers, and greatly improving the availability of water to our homes and businesses and is committed to continue improving these vital Indio city services that are important to our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, all funds raised by this local measure are legally required to be spent in our City, ensuring local control of revenue and providing a guaranteed source of funding for vital City services and cannot be taken by Sacramento; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Indio, at its regular meeting scheduled for July 21, 2010, did duly and lawfully adopt a Resolution entitled “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDIO, CALIFORNIA ORDERING THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY, A MEASURE TO RAISE THE CITY OF INDIO'S UTILITY USERS' TAX RATE BY THREE PERCENT (3%), TO REQUIRE ISSUANCE OF A PUBLIC AUDIT REPORT REGARDING UTILITY USERS' TAX, AND TO CREATE A CITIZENS' FINANCE ADVISORY COMMISSION TO REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS BASED UPON SAID REPORT, AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010 AS CALLED BY RESOLUTION NO. 9410,” submitting this Ordinance to the people of the City of Indio for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF INDIO DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 34, Sections 153, 154, 155, 156, and 158 of the Code of Indio are hereby amended to change the tax rate of the City’s Telecommunication Tax, Video Tax, Electricity Tax, Gas Tax, and Water Tax respectively from three percent (3%) to six percent (6%). Each reference to a three percent (3%) tax rate within these five (5) sections of the UUT Ordinance approved and adopted by the vote of the People of the City on November 4, 2008 shall be stricken and replaced with a reference to a six percent (6%) tax rate.

SECTION 2. Chapter 34, Section 173 of the Code of Indio is hereby amended, adding the language that appears below in boldface type.

§ 34.173 Independent Audit of Tax Collection, Exemption, Remittance, and Expenditure, **Annual Public Report.**

The City shall annually verify that the taxes owed under this Chapter have been properly applied, exempted, collected, and remitted in accordance with this Chapter, and properly expended according to applicable municipal law. The annual verification shall be performed by a qualified independent third party and the review shall employ reasonable, cost-effective steps to assure compliance, including the use of sampling audits. The verification shall not be required of tax remitters where the cost of the verification may exceed the tax revenues to be reviewed. **The substance of the annual verification shall be reduced to writing and issued as a public report to be reviewed and analyzed by the Citizens' Finance Advisory Commission established per Section 34.176, and ultimately received and filed by the City Council at a regularly scheduled public meeting. This annual public report shall directly and succinctly document the City's activity per this Chapter, subject to limitation only per California Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 7284.6 and 7284.7 and other applicable authority.**

SECTION 3. Chapter 34, Section 167 of the Code of Indio is hereby amended, adding the language that appears below in boldface type.

§ 34.167 Records.

...(f) **The independent third party performing the tax audit and preparing the annual public report required by Section 34.173 shall verify that all City records generated and maintained per this Chapter comply with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, or shall report otherwise to the Citizens' Finance Advisory Commission established by Section 34.176.**

SECTION 4. Chapter 34, Section 176 is hereby added to the Code of Indio as follows in boldface type.

§34.176 Citizens' Finance Advisory Commission.

(a) **A permanent "Citizens' Finance Advisory Commission" shall be established. This commission shall receive, review and analyze the annual public report issued by the City's auditor per Section 34.173. Within forty-five (45) days of completing this analysis, this commission shall present the annual public report to the City Council with its recommendation to receive and file same. The commission's recommendation shall include but not be limited to identification of City Council action warranted to address any irregularities noted in the annual public report.**

(b) **The Citizen's Finance Advisory Commission shall consist of five (5) citizen members, each appointed by a member of the City Council and serving on the commission in a manner consistent with Section 32.01, and as that section may be amended from time to time. Appointees shall be residents of the City; however, no member of the commission shall be an elected official, an employee of the City, or a vendor, contractor or consultant doing business with the City.**

(c) **Notwithstanding Section 32.01(E) or any other provision of law, Commission members shall serve without compensation.**

(d) **The Citizens' Finance Advisory Commission shall meet at least once per calendar year. All commission action, including but not limited to the setting, conduct and notice of meetings, shall be subject to the Brown Act codified at California Government Code Section 54950 et seq. The City Manager or his/her designee shall provide such reasonable administrative or technical assistance as may be required by the Commission.**

(e) **The City Manager shall ensure that Citizens' Finance Advisory Commission members receive all reports and other documents provided to the City Council relating to the administration of this Chapter, excluding attorney-client privileged communications. In addition, the City Manager shall, upon written request of any Citizens' Finance Advisory Commission member, provide said member with a copy of any specific document prepared by the Tax Administrator per this Chapter.**

SECTION 5. Chapter 34, Section 154, Subdivision (f) of the Code of Indio is hereby added to the Code of Indio as follows in boldface type.

(f) **Notwithstanding the six percent (6%) tax rate imposed upon persons using video services and collected by video service suppliers in the City specified in Subdivision (a) above, the tax imposed upon service users that obtain video services through a supplier of cable television shall be at the rate of three percent (3%) of the charges made for such services, and shall be collected from the service user by the supplier of cable television or its billing agent.**

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This Chapter shall become effective immediately upon the date that this Ordinance is approved by the voters of the City of Indio at the Election of November 2, 2010.

SECTION 7. Amendment or Repeal. Except as precluded by applicable Federal and State law, the provisions of this Ordinance may be repealed or amended by the City Council without a vote of the people.

SECTION 8. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall nonetheless remain in full force and effect. The City Council and voters of the City of Indio hereby declare that they would have adopted each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions of this Ordinance be declared invalid or unenforceable.

SECTION 9. Execution. The Mayor is hereby authorized to attest to the adoption of this Ordinance by the voters of the City by signing where indicated below.

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE “S”

Measure “S” relates to the City of Indio’s existing voter-approved utility users’ tax (UUT) on electricity, gas, water, telecommunication services, and video services. It relates exclusively to the rate of the tax.

Except as discussed below, Measure “S” will raise the current UUT rate by three percent (3%). The UUT is a general tax. The revenue that it generates is deposited into the City’s General Fund. The City projects that during fiscal year 2010-2011, sixty-six percent (66%) of the City’s \$44.3 million General Fund budget funds public safety. General fund public safety dollars support police, fire, paramedic ambulance service, code enforcement, graffiti removal, animal control, crime and drug prevention programs, and emergency response improvement programs. The remaining third of the City’s General Fund budget supports street repair, sweeping and maintenance, park maintenance parks, youth and senior programs and other government services. Per current law, one hundred percent (100%) of UUT revenue collected per Measure “S” will be spent to benefit the City of Indio; none of this revenue will be available to the State of California for any purpose.

If approved, Measure “S” will help the City to maintain funding and/or service levels for the services referenced above, *e.g.*, police, fire, ambulance response, road and park construction and maintenance and youth and senior programs. The measure continues the existing exemption for senior and disabled persons eligible to receive Supplemental Security Income *via* the Social Security Administration.

Measure “S” will add a reporting requirement to the City’s continuing obligation to perform an annual UUT audit. The independent auditor will issue an annual public report about the City’s management of all UUT revenue. In addition, Measure “S” will require that the auditor verify that City records related to UUT comply with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, or report otherwise.

Measure “S” requires the City to appoint a “Citizens’ Finance Advisory Commission” that will receive, review and analyze the auditor’s annual report, and then issue a public recommendation to the City Council for action that responds to any irregularities detected in the audit.

Cable television is currently subject to UUT at the rate of three percent (3%). Per federal law, satellite television is not subject to UUT. Measure “S” will not raise the UUT rate applicable to cable television.

The voters’ choice is whether to increase the utility user’s tax rate from three percent (3%) to six percent (6%). A majority “yes” vote increases the tax rate, while a majority “no” vote rejects the proposed tax rate. Stated more generally, a “yes” vote means that you favor adopting the measure summarized above, while a “no” vote means that you are against its adoption. A majority of “yes” votes is required for the measure to be enacted.

By: Edward Kotkin
City Attorney

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE “S”

Vote YES on “S” -- prevent future, drastic cuts to Indio’s essential services and protect our community against more, unfair Sacramento money grabs!

State budget cuts and Sacramento “takeaways” have dramatically reduced the money available for our local services. Sacramento politicians have acted to take over \$24 million from Indio, putting essential services such as police and fire at risk.

Studies show that as the economy gets worse, crime goes up. Without the additional funds provided by YES on “S”, Indio will have to cut police officers patrolling our streets and neighborhoods and cut funding for youth gang and drug prevention programs. Funding from this measure is critical to keep our city safe, and stop gang members from surrounding areas from coming into our city.

Without YES on “S”, additional cuts to public safety services are coming. YES on “S” allows our City to maintain:

- 9-1-1 emergency dispatch operators,
- The City’s ability to respond quickly and effectively to a natural disaster such as earthquakes,
- 9-1-1 emergency communications equipment, such as radios and computers,
- 9-1-1 emergency response times,
- Police gang and drug enforcement programs, and
- The number of experienced police officers—preventing the layoff police officers.

YES on “S” maintains the number of police officers patrolling our streets, and prevents drastic cuts to youth gang and drug prevention programs.

YES on “S” requires tough fiscal accountability provisions such as: requiring review by the Citizens’ Finance Advisory Commission, public expenditure reports and guaranteed annual independent audits. These fiscal safeguards will ensure funds are used efficiently, effectively, and in accordance with the Measure.

Please join local business leaders, public safety officials, friends and neighbors and vote YES on “S”—to keep our community safe and financially stable. Vote YES on “S”!

By: Alfred Vasquez

Tom Hutson, US Army Ret (LTC)

Curtis R. Cross, Chief of Police, Ret.

Richard A. Bitonti, Indio Police Command Unit

Paul E. Proulx

NO ARGUMENT FILED AGAINST MEASURE “S”



Important Dates!

OCTOBER 4TH
FIRST DAY YOU CAN VOTE

OCTOBER 18TH
CLOSE OF REGISTRATION

OCTOBER 26TH
LAST DAY TO REQUEST A
VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT



NOVEMBER 2ND ELECTION DAY
VOTE AT YOUR POLLING PLACE
DROP OFF YOUR BALLOT AT ANY POLLING PLACE
VOTE AT THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE BY 8:00 P.M.

FROM

DID YOU SIGN YOUR APPLICATION?



FIRST
CLASS
POSTAGE

PLACE STAMP HERE

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, October 4 - November 1 (excluding Holidays), Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Election Day, November 2, 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



NONPROFIT
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Registrar of Voters
Riverside

VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 26, 2010

I hereby request a ballot for the Consolidated General Election, November 2, 2010.

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME AS REGISTERED

RESIDENCE ADDRESS AS REGISTERED

CITY

STATE

ZIP

MAIL BALLOT TO:

ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT)

CITY

STATE

ZIP

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

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

↓ POSTMASTER DELIVER TO ↓

SIGNATURE
REQUIRED

SIGNATURE OF VOTER

DATE

33-BCov GENERAL 11-02-10

BALLOT
TYPE 178

✓ **You May Cast Your Vote Early**

At

THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE
2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside, CA 92507

October 4 through November 1 (excluding Holidays)
Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Election Day November 2
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

Accessible Voting Unit available at all polling locations.

TO MARK YOUR VOTE
DRAW A LINE



VOTE!!!

For a demonstration on marking your ballot visit www.voteinfo.net

VOTE EARLY

IT'S QUICK
IT'S EASY

IT'S CONVENIENT

GET OUT OF LINE ON ELECTION DAY!

VOTE-BY-MAIL

↓ LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE ↓



ACCESS?

