

SAMPLE BALLOT AND INFORMATION PAMPHLET

CONSOLIDATED UNIFORM DISTRICT ELECTION LAW (UDEL) ELECTION



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009

IT'S QUICK — IT'S EASY
IT'S CONVENIENT
GET OUT OF LINE ON ELECTION DAY!
VOTE-BY-MAIL
OCTOBER 5 — OCTOBER 27
APPLICATION ON BACK

POLLING PLACE LOCATION ON
BACK COVER
POLLS OPEN
NOVEMBER 3, 2009
7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE
OCTOBER 19, 2009

REMINDER

*If You Have Not Mailed Your Voted Ballot Before Election Day It
May Be Dropped Off At Any Polling Place In The County Or At The
Registrar Of Voters Office By 8 P.M. On Election Day To Count.*

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AVISO IMPORTANTE

Una traducción en Español de esta Balota Ejemplar 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)

2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside, CA 92507

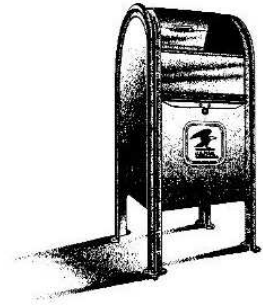
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REGISTRAR OF VOTERS



COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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Did You Know...

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



IMPORTANT NOTICES TO VOTERS



PUBLIC SERVICE HOURS

The Registrar of Voters office is **CLOSED EVERY FRIDAY.**
New hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

EARLY VOTING

Early voting will be available at the Registrar of Voters office, October 5 – November 2, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Election Day, November 3, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.





BARBARA DUNMORE
Registrar of Voters

2724 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507-0918
(951) 486-7200 FAX (951) 486-7272
web site www.voteinfo.net

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

Dear Riverside County Voter:

Your Consolidated Uniform District Election Law (UDEL) Election ballot may contain contests for school districts, community college districts, special districts, city offices and/or measures. Information in this Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet will assist you in making informed choices when marking your ballot. You may mark your selections on your sample ballot and take it with you to the polls for reference to easily and quickly complete your official ballot. Whether you go to the polls or use a vote-by-mail ballot, the paper ballot is the same. Additionally, one electronic accessible voting unit will be available at each polling location for any voter's use.

The additional information below is to ensure your ballot is counted promptly and accurately.



Polling Place

Your polling place is listed on the back cover of this pamphlet. Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 3rd.



Marking Your Ballot

Voter selections are indicated by connecting the arrow to the right of the candidate's name for whom you wish to vote or connecting the arrow to the right of YES or NO for a measure. Illustrated marking instructions are contained in this pamphlet and a demonstration is available on our website at www.voteinfo.net.

Can't make it to the polls?



Vote at the Registrar of Voters Office

You may obtain and cast your ballot at the Registrar of Voters Office at 2724 Gateway Drive in Riverside, Monday through Thursday beginning October 5th from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Election Day, November 3rd from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Vote-by-Mail

An application for a vote-by-mail ballot is located on the back cover of this pamphlet. Vote-by-mail ballots may be voted and returned at your convenience but must reach the Registrar of Voters Office no later than the close of polls on Election Day (Postmark not accepted). For voter convenience, completed ballots can be dropped off inside the Registrar of Voters Office daily during business hours or 24 hours a day in the locked drop box outside our main entrance. **Ballots received after 8 p.m. on Election Day cannot be counted.**

Should you have any questions concerning this UDEL Election please use the contact information at the top of this letter to reach our office.

We look forward to counting your vote with your participation on November 3rd.

Sincerely,

Barbara Dunmore
Registrar of Voters

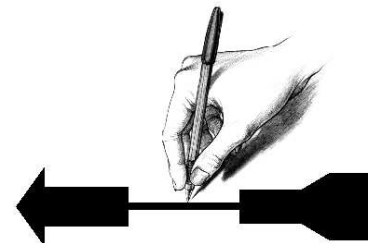
IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

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

HOW TO MARK YOUR PAPER BALLOT

- ✓ Connect the head and tail of the arrow that points to your choice, like the example provided, also 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 candidates allowed in each contest for the contest to be counted (e.g. vote for one, vote for no more than two, etc.)
- ✓ Please keep the ballot folded the same way as you received it

TO MARK YOUR VOTE DRAW A LINE



VOTE!!!

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



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE?

You can register to vote by:
Requesting a registration card to be mailed to you
OR

By filling out a registration card online, just print, sign and mail it to our office.

You can also check to see if you are registered by calling our office at

1-800-773-VOTE(8683)

OR

Visit our web site at www.voteinfo.net

SAMPLE BALLOT / BALOTA EJEMPLAR

CONSOLIDATED UDEL ELECTION / ELECCIÓN CONSOLIDADA DE UDEL

November 3, 2009 / 3 de noviembre de 2009

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

MEASURE(S) SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS MEDIDA(S) SOMETIDAS A LOS VOTANTES	
CITY / CIUDAD	
CITY OF BANNING CIUDAD DE BANNING	
L	To minimize future cuts and provide funding for essential city services including police, fire, 9-1-1 emergency response, graffiti removal, and maintaining streets and public areas, shall the City of Banning adopt an ordinance increasing its existing Transient Occupancy Tax (which is a hotel bed tax paid when overnight visitors rent a room) from 6% to 12%, with annual independent audits provided by code, and all funds used to maintain city services in Banning? Para minimizar recortes futuros y proporcionar financiamiento para servicios municipales esenciales, incluyendo servicios de policía, bomberos, respuesta ante emergencias 9-1-1, eliminación de grafiti y de mantenimiento de las calles y las áreas públicas, ¿deberá la Ciudad de Banning adoptar una ordenanza que aumente el Impuesto sobre la Ocupación Transitoria (un impuesto aplicable a las camas de hotel cuando los visitantes que pernoctan alquilan una habitación) del 6% al 12%, con auditorías anuales independientes requeridas por código y el requisito de que todos los fondos se usen para mantener servicios municipales en Banning?
	Yes / Sí  
	No / No  

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VOTER'S PAMPHLET INFORMATION SECTION

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

- CANDIDATE STATEMENTS
- BALLOT MEASURES
- ANALYSES
- ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT & IN OPPOSITION
- TEXT OF MEASURE(S)

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 in the candidate handbook at www.voteinfo.net.

Candidate statements represent the views of candidates and are not endorsed by the County of Riverside. Internet web site addresses included in candidate statements and arguments 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 proposed laws are opinions of the authors and are not endorsed by the County of Riverside.

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

POLLING PLACE REMINDER NO ELECTIONEERING!



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

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

CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE §§18370, 18371

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE "L"

Measure "L", if passed, would temporarily amend the Transient Occupancy Tax ("TOT") rate from its current 6 percent (6%) to 12 percent (12 %). The TOT, established by the City of Banning in 1965, applies only to guests who stay at hotels and motels in the City for less than 30 days and has not been increased in over 40 years.

Your "yes" vote means that: (1) the TOT would be changed from 6 percent (6%) to 12 percent (12%) and; (2) that in 10 years the 12 percent (12%) TOT would terminate, resulting in the TOT rate reverting back to six percent (6%). Your "no" vote means that there would be no change to the current law, so the TOT rate would remain at six percent (6%).

TOT rates vary by city including, for example, Palm Springs-11 ½%, Indian Wells-9.25%, La Quinta-10%, and Anaheim-15%. This measure would require that all TOT collected be allocated to the City's General Fund. The revenue would be used to fund general city services, including: fire, street maintenance, parks, recreation, senior services and similar items. Currently, in Banning, the largest government expenditure from the General Fund is police services, which comprise 50% of the budget.

Measure "L" was placed before the voters of Banning after the City Council unanimously declared a fiscal emergency in the City based on the general economy and the State of California's own \$26 Billion deficit. In fact, the adopted State budget now relies upon borrowing \$1.8 Billion in property taxes from local governments, of which Banning's share is over \$400,000 and also takes over \$2 Billion from redevelopment agencies, of which Banning's share is almost \$1 M.

The City Council of Banning has made a number of reductions to the City's budget and services for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 to reduce the General Fund Budget by \$5.043M, including: closing City offices on Fridays; reduced hours at the police station; furloughing employees (equivalent to a 5% pay reduction); layoffs or retirement of 30 employees; and other cost saving measures.

Since 2007-08 total City reserves have fallen from \$7.2M (40% of Budget) to 2.1M (15% of Budget). The Finance Department estimates that the impact of the State Budget will increase the General Fund structural deficit to approximately \$1.26 million. The Finance Department estimates that the proposed increase in the TOT will generate between \$275,000 and \$300,000 in General Fund revenue annually for the City of Banning to help off set these impacts.

The Measure reserves the right of the Council to make other changes to the TOT ordinance not affecting the rate. Measure "L" requires approval from a majority of Banning voters to take effect.

By: City Attorney

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure "L". If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the Banning City Clerk's Office at (951) 922-3102 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE “L”

The State budget crisis and struggling economy are causing deep cuts to Banning city services. Passage of Measure “L” will help protect our local quality of life — **WITHOUT** raising residents’ tax rates.

The City of Banning is facing a serious budget crisis. The City has done everything possible to control operational costs, but the State budget crisis and struggling economy have caused city revenues to decline drastically. The City of Banning has no control over these trends, yet it must address them to maintain city services.

City leaders have already cut over \$5 million from this year’s General Fund by eliminating 30 full-time positions, establishing mandatory furloughs, reducing services and implementing strict cost controls. Now, there is nothing left to cut but additional basic city services.

Two choices remain: generate additional revenue or continue making cuts to city services.

Measure “L” will NOT raise taxes for Banning residents. This measure authorizes an increase to the City’s existing Transient Occupancy Tax — TOT (hotel/motel tax) from 6% to 12%. (A hotel/motel tax is paid by visitors renting a hotel or motel room in Banning.)

Measure “L” will provide stable, locally controlled funding for:

- Police, fire, and 911 emergency response services
- Keeping public areas clean, well maintained and graffiti-free
- Maintaining Banning streets and roads

EVERY Measure “L” dollar (100%) will stay in Banning to fund Banning city services. This money cannot be taken away by the State or used for other purposes.

Measure “L” won’t solve all our problems in Banning, *but it will help by* minimizing future cuts to city services. Measure “L” requires annual independent audits.

Measure “L” is supported by hundreds of Banning residents, seniors, business people and community leaders.

Protect ***your*** investment in Banning.

VOTE YES on “L”.

By: Robert E. Botts, Mayor, City of Banning

Arthur L. Welch, Vice President, Banning Chamber of Commerce

Julie A. Reedy, Ph. D., Children & Family Advocate

Dr. John McQuown, Banning City Treasurer

Don Smith, Attorney, Civic Leader

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE “L”

This Is Not the Right Time for Tax Increases

The proponents of Measure “L”, who are primarily those closely associated with City Hall, misunderstand basic economic principles. Raising the bed tax will only lead to a decrease in the number of people frequenting Banning hotels, meaning less revenue for the hotels and other local businesses. This decline in revenue will mean less bed tax and sales tax dollars for the City, offsetting any gains created by the tax increase.

Measure “L” Unfairly Targets One Type of Business Within the City

Banning hotels are struggling to survive during these difficult economic times. Any decrease in business resulting from higher taxes could be financially devastating. If these hotels close their doors, the City will be in a worse position than it is currently.

Measure “L” Does Not Protect Public Safety or Local Streets

Proponents of Measure “L” are trying to scare us into believing that without this tax increase public safety and roads will suffer. However, Measure “L” does not place any requirements or restrictions on how funds raised from this tax increase are to be spent. The money will go into the City’s general fund to be spent however City Hall decides.

The City Has Not Done All it Can to Reduce Spending

The City is spending \$1.8 million to renovate two buildings downtown and \$131,000 on the Banning Cultural Alliance in 2009 alone. City Hall can and must work harder to cut costs.

Please Vote “No” on Measure “L”

By: Inland Empire Taxpayers Association

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE “L”

Measure “L” Increases Taxes in Banning

Measure “L” doubles the tax paid by hotel guests in the City. When residents of Banning, their out of town guests, or people traveling on business or vacation stay at a hotel in Banning they currently pay a tax of 6% of the room rate. Measure “L” doubles that tax. So, if you or a family member stay at the new Hampton Inn and pay \$139 a night for 3 nights you will pay over \$50 in taxes (double the amount you would pay today) if Measure “L” passes.

Measure “L” Makes it Harder for Banning Businesses to Compete and is a Job Killer

Measure “L” will authorize the Council to raise the tax hotel guests pay in Banning to 12%. In Beaumont the same hotel tax is set at only 10%. Raising the tax higher than our neighboring city will make it difficult for Banning hotels to compete, resulting in a loss of business for Banning hotels. Banning hotels will be forced to cut back on staffing hours and layoff employees as revenue is lost to hotels in neighboring cities with lower tax rates. Losing hotel guests to neighboring cities will also hurt Banning restaurants, gas stations, and other business which benefit from serving out of town guests.

Measure “L” Will Not Solve the City’s Financial Problems

Raising taxes is not the answer to City Hall’s financial problems. It is anticipated that the City’s budget deficit will soon reach \$1,260,000 dollars per year. The City’s own projections show that Measure “L” will not raise more than \$278,000 per year. The City needs to make significant cuts in spending until it can successfully increase revenue by bringing in new retail business.

We strongly urge you to **Vote “No” on Measure “L”**.

By: Inland Empire Taxpayers Association

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE “L”

Measure “L’s” opponents miss the point!

This measure is about one thing: protecting Banning’s quality of life during tough times — **WITHOUT RAISING TAX RATES FOR BANNING RESIDENTS.**

Consider these facts:

FACT: Our city’s budget crisis is serious — and getting worse. City leaders made the easy cuts long ago. Over \$5 million has already been cut from this year’s \$18 million General Fund. Now there’s nothing left to cut except more city services.

FACT: Measure “L” will help minimize future cuts to **basic city services**, including 911 emergency response, street maintenance, and keeping Banning clean and well maintained. A safe, well-maintained community helps protect property values in a tough economy.

FACT: Only VISITORS renting a hotel or motel room in Banning (for less than 30 days) will be affected. *If you don’t ever rent a hotel or motel room in Banning — you won’t be paying this tax.*

FACT: Without Measure “L”, the situation will only get worse. This past summer the City’s deficit grew from \$827,000 to \$1.26 million solely because of the continuing State fiscal crisis. We can either pass Measure “L” to help minimize future cuts, or reject it and the City will have to continue making additional and deeper cuts.

FACT: ALL Measure “L” funds MUST stay in Banning to provide Banning city services.

Measure “L” is a responsible step in the right direction. It won’t fix everything in Banning, *but it will help* by minimizing future cuts to basic city services.

Please — VOTE YES.

By: Arthur L. Welch, V.P. Banning Chamber of Commerce

Barbara Hanna, Councilwoman

William Dickson, Realtor

James C. Smith, Business Owner

Robert E. Botts, Mayor

United States® Census 2010

In 2010, the U.S. Census Bureau will issue the call for every resident of our nation to “Be Counted.”

Here are some reasons why the 2010 Census is important to you!

- Over \$300 billion are distributed to states, counties and cities based on the results of the census. That equals about \$1,000 per person per year until the next Census in 2020.
- Census data affects your voice in Congress by determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- Census data is used to determine how many California Assembly and Senate seats will be in Riverside County.
- Census data is used to draw the district boundaries for the County Board of Supervisors, some City Council districts, Board of Education Districts, and other special districts.

Do your part to ensure Riverside County is accurately counted.

If you have any questions visit www.2010Census.gov



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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, October 5 - November 2, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Election Day, November 3, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Curbside Voting on Election Day. If you are unable to enter the polling place due to a physical disability, you may request Curbside Voting at your assigned polling place. Upon arrival at the polling place, you will be allowed to vote in a location as near as possible to the entrance that is accessible to the physically disabled. If you require Curbside Voting, please call 1-877-663-9906 before going to your assigned polling place and/or when you arrive at the facility. An Election Officer will be contacted prior to your arrival to meet you at the curb.

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



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VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION

SOLICITUD PARA UNA BALOTA PARA VOTAR-POR-CORREO

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 27, 2009 ★ APLICACIÓN TIENE QUE SER RECIBIDA NO MAS TARDE DEL 27 DE OCTUBRE DE 2009

I hereby request a ballot for the Consolidated UDEL Election, November 3, 2009. ★ Por la presente solicito una balota para la Elección Consolidada del UDEL, 3 de noviembre de 2009.

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME AS REGISTERED Imprima el nombre como está registrado

RESIDENCE ADDRESS AS REGISTERED/Imprima la dirección de su residencia como registrado

CITY Ciudad STATE Estado ZIP Zona Postal

MAIL BALLOT TO:

ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT) Dirección postal (si es diferente)

CITY Ciudad STATE Estado ZIP Zona Postal

I declare, under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
Declaro bajo pena del perjurio que la información proporcionada es verdad y correcta al mejor de mi conocimiento.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED
FIRMA REQUERIDA

SIGNATURE OF VOTER Firma del votante

DATE Fecha

↓ POSTMASTER DELIVER TO ↓

☒ Check this box to request PERMANENT VOTE-BY-MAIL status.
Marque esta caja para solicitar y ser un votante permanente de votar-por-correo.

✓ **You May Cast Your Vote Early**

At

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VOTE-BY-MAIL

LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE

↓ UBICACION DE SU URNA DE VOTACION ↓



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