

2008

POLLING PLACE
LOCATION
ON BACK COVER

Polls Open
November 4, 2008
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

LAST DAY TO
REGISTER TO VOTE
October 20, 2008

VOTE -BY- MAIL
October 6th – October 28th
APPLICATION ON BACK

IT'S QUICK
IT'S EASY
IT'S CONVENIENT

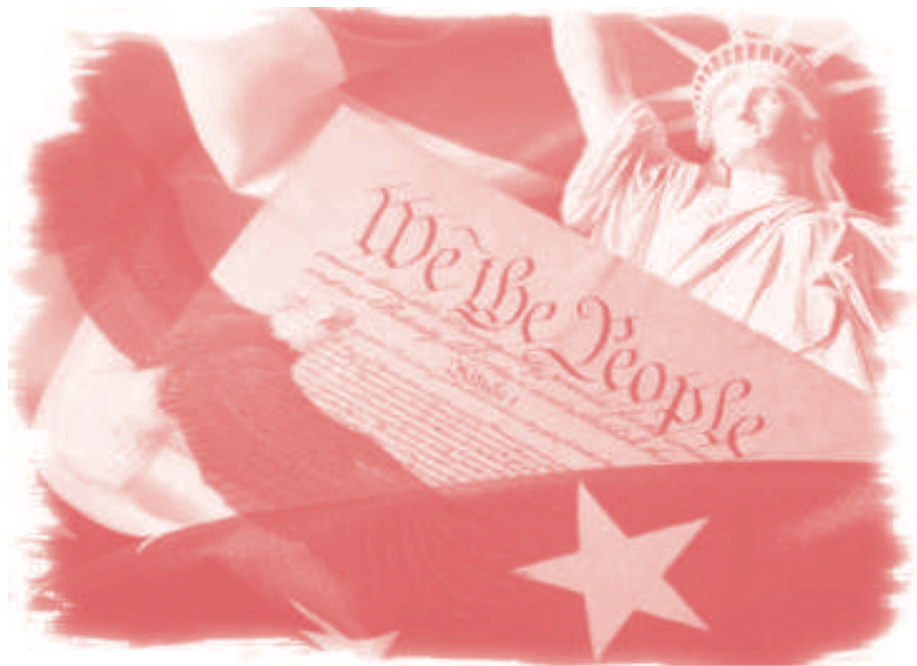
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ON ELECTION DAY!

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County of Riverside Sample Ballot and Information Pamphlet



Consolidated General Election Tuesday, November 4, 2008



AVISO IMPORTANTE
Una traducción al Español de este Balota
Ejemplar y Folleto de Información al
Votante puede obtenerse en la oficina del
Registradora de Votantes Llame al (951)
486-7200 o 1 (800) 773-VOTE (8683)

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 4, 2008 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.



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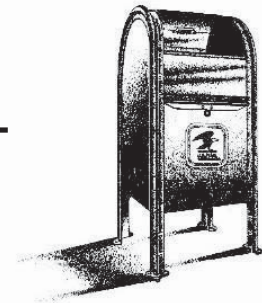
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Did You Know...

- Any voter can vote-by-mail
- You can opt to vote-by-mail once or chose to permanently 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 drop off locations, or at any polling place
- The back of this pamphlet includes a vote-by-mail application



BARBARA DUNMORE
Registrar of Voters



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Riverside, CA 92507-0918
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**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

Dear Riverside County Voter:

Your Consolidated General Election Sample Ballot and Information Pamphlet was prepared to assist you in becoming informed about your choices so you can **make your voice heard on November 4th**.

Your ballot will contain contests for federal and state offices, as well as a number of statewide propositions. In addition, your ballot may include local contests and measures. We recommend that you read this Sample Ballot and Information Pamphlet and your State-issued Voter Information Guide. Mark your selections on your sample ballot for easy reference when completing your official ballot. There are many 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 4th.



Registrar of Voters Office You may receive and cast your ballot (paper or on an electronic accessible voting unit) at the Registrar of Voters Office located at 2724 Gateway Drive in Riverside, Monday – Saturday, October 6th through the close of polls on Election Day.



Vote-by-Mail Request a vote-by-mail ballot and return it by mail at your 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 clerk's offices through October 31st.



Early Voting Site Electronic accessible voting units will be available at three regional malls October 18th – 26th. See page 3 of this pamphlet for locations.



Vote Early on R.O.V.E.R. The county's votemobile, known as R.O.V.E.R., will be traveling throughout the county during the month of October equipped with electronic accessible voting units for early voting. Check our website at www.voteinfo.net for locations.



Metrolink Stations R.O.V.E.R. will be parked at metrolink locations on selected evenings for returning commuters to cast their ballots early and conveniently on electronic accessible voting units. A vote-by-mail drop off box will also be available on R.O.V.E.R. for deposit of completed vote-by-mail ballots. Check our website at www.voteinfo.net for times and locations.

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 4th.

Sincerely,

Barbara Dunmore
Registrar of Voters

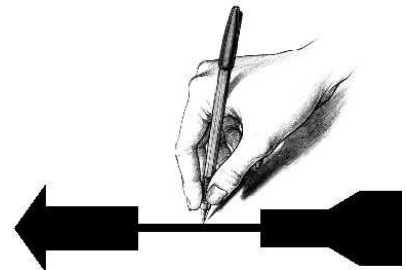
IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

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 like the example provided
- ✓ Use a black ball point pen (Do not use felt tip, red or gel ink)
- ✓ Draw the line only once
- ✓ Vote for no more than the number of candidates allowed in each contest (e.g. vote for one, vote for two, etc.)
- ✓ Please keep the ballot folded the same way as you received it

DRAW A LINE



VOTE DEMOCRACY

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

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



AT THE FOLLOWING MALL LOCATIONS

October 18 through October 26

Monday thru Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



GALLERIA AT TYLER
1299 GALLERIA AT TYLER
(basement level below food court)

Westfield Palm Desert

WESTFIELD
72-840 HIGHWAY 111
(across from Hallmark)

THE PROMENADE
In Temecula

THE PROMENADE
40820 WINCHESTER ROAD
(in the Plaza)

WITH THE R.O.V.E.R. VOTEMOBILE
AT THE FOLLOWING METROLINK STATIONS
FROM 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



La Sierra Station
Monday, October 27

North Main Corona Station
Tuesday, October 28

Riverside Downtown Station
Wednesday, October 29

Pedley Station
Thursday, October 30

West Corona Station
Friday, October 31

**THE REGISTRAR
OF VOTERS OFFICE**
2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside

October 6 through November 3

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

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

Election Day, November 4
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Check out our website
for more early voting
locations with
R.O.V.E.R.
throughout
Riverside County at
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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, you can return your ballot at the following drop-off locations throughout Riverside County October 6 to October 31:

- City Clerk's 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 on Election Day.

Anza Library
Calimesa Library
Canyon Lake Library
Cathedral City Library
Coachella Library
Desert Hot Springs Library
Eastvale Library
El Cerrito Library
Glen Avon Library
Grace Mellman Library
Highgrove Library
Home Gardens Library
Idyllwild Library
Indio Library
La Quinta Library
Lake Elsinore Library

Lake Tamarisk Library
Lakeside Library
Mecca Library
Mission Trail Library
Norco Library
Nuview Library
Palm Desert Library
Paloma Valley Library
Perris Library
Romoland Library
Robidoux Library
San Jacinto Library
Sun City Library
Temecula Public Library
Thousand Palms Library
Valle Vista Library
Woodcrest Library

FEDERAL FEDERAL	SCHOOL ESCOLAR	CITY CIUDAD
PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT PRESIDENTE Y VICE PRESIDENTE Vote for One Party Vote por Un Partido	HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DISTRITO ESCOLAR UNIFICADO DE HEMET Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 3 Miembro Junta Gobernante, Fideicomisario Area 3	CITY OF HEMET CIUDAD DE HEMET City Council Member Miembro Concejo Municipal
BARACK OBAMA for President / por Presidente	HAROLD ROBERT WOOD Retired Maintenance Supervisor Supervisor de Mantenimiento Jubilado	ALFRED M. AYALA Bank Manager Gerente de Banco
JOE BIDEN for Vice President / por Vice Presidente	CHARLOTTE JONES Business Owner Propietaria de una Empresa	JERRY FRANCHVILLE Law Enforcement Officer Oficial de Policia
BOB BARR for President / por Presidente	LISA DE FOREST Doctor / Associate Professor Doctor / Profesora Asociada	JIM FOREMAN Retired Police Officer Oficial de Policia Jubilado
WAYNE A. ROOT for Vice President / por Vice Presidente	KATHRYN LEIGH FIELDS Sheriff's Service Officer Oficial de Servicio del Aguacil	ROBERT YOUSSEF Bank Manager Gerente de Banco
JOHN MCCAIN for President / por Presidente	MARILYN FORST Retired Teacher / Businesswoman Maestra Jubilada / Empresaria	SCOTT GARRETT Farmer / Businessman Agricultor / Empresario
SARAH PALIN for Vice President / por Vice Presidente	SID COTTRELL Retired Administrator Administrador Jubilado	LORI VAN ARSDALE Councilmember / Businesswoman Miembro de Concejo / Empresaria
CYNTHIA MCKINNEY for President / por Presidente	RUTH ANN PHILLIPS Elementary School Teacher Maestra de Escuela Primaria	GARY CRAVEN Community Volunteer Voluntario de Comunidad
ROSA CLEMENTE for Vice President / por Vice Presidente	DAVID W. PETERS Incumbent Titular	JIM CLAVERIE Consumer Relations Manager Gerente de Relaciones con el Consumidor
ALAN KEYES for President / por Presidente	RON BREYER Retired Educator Educador Jubilado	BRIAN CHRISTIE Firefighter / Vice Mayor Bombero / Vice Alcalde
WILEY S. DRAKE, SR. for Vice President / por Vice Presidente		KAREN PRIDEMORE Homemaker Ama de Casa
RALPH NADER for President / por Presidente		
MATT GONZALEZ for Vice President / por Vice Presidente		

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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE REPRESENTANTE DE ESTADOS UNIDOS		Vote for One Vote por Uno
45th Congressional District Distrito Congresional No. 45		
JULIE BORNSTEIN Nonprofit Housing Executive Ejecutiva de organización de viviendas sin fines de lucro	Democratic Demócrata	
MARY BONO MACK Member of Congress Miembro del Congreso	Republican Republicano	
STATE SENATOR SENADOR ESTATAL		Vote for One Vote por Uno
37th Senatorial District Distrito Senatorial No. 37		
ARTHUR BRAVO GUERRERO Computer Systems Analyst Analista de sistemas de computación	Democratic Demócrata	
JOHN J. BENOIT California State Legislator Legislador del Estado de California	Republican Republicano	
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY MIEMBRO DE LA ASAMBLEA DEL ESTADO		Vote for One Vote por Uno
65th Assembly District Distrito de Asamblea No. 65		
PAUL COOK Assemblyman Asambleísta	Republican Republicano	
CARL WOOD Energy Analyst / Educator Analista de energía / Educador	Democratic Demócrata	

ERROL THOMASON Site Construction Manager Gerente de Construcción del Sitio	
Treasurer Tesorero	Vote for One Vote por Uno
JUDITH L. OLTMAN Hemet City Treasurer Tesorero de la Ciudad de Hemet	
DISTRICT DISTRITO	
VALLEY HEALTH SYSTEM VALLEY HEALTH SYSTEM	
Director, Zone 7 Director, Zona 7	Vote for One Vote por Uno
VINAY M. RAO Healthcare Administrator Administrador de Atención de la Salud	
ROSE SALGADO Retired Utility Employee Empleada de Servicios Públicos Jubilada	
ROD TOLLIVER Incumbent Titular	



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MEASURE(S) SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS MEDIDA(S) SOMETIDAS A LOS VOTANTES		STATE / ESTADO	
1A SAFE, RELIABLE HIGH-SPEED PASSENGER TRAIN BOND ACT. To provide Californians a safe, convenient, affordable, and reliable alternative to driving and high gas prices; to provide good-paying jobs and improve California's economy while reducing air pollution, global warming greenhouse gases, and our dependence on foreign oil, shall \$9.95 billion in bonds be issued to establish a clean, efficient high-speed train service linking Southern California, the Sacramento/San Joaquin Valley, and the San Francisco Bay Area, with at least 90 percent of bond funds spent for specific projects, with private and public matching funds required, including, but not limited to, federal funds, funds from revenue bonds, and local funds, and all bond funds subject to independent audits? Fiscal Impact: State costs of \$19.4 billion, assuming 30 years to pay both principal and interest costs of the bonds. Payments would average about \$647 million per year. When constructed, unknown operation and maintenance costs, probably over \$1 billion annually; at least partially, and potentially fully, offset by passenger fares.			
LEY DE BONOS PARA TRENES DE PASAJEROS SEGUROS, CONFIABLES Y DE ALTA VELOCIDAD. Para proporcionar a los californianos una alternativa segura, cómoda, económica y confiable a manejar y a los precios elevados de la gasolina; para proporcionar empleos bien remunerados y mejorar la economía de California y, a la vez, reducir la contaminación del aire, los gases de efecto invernadero que causan el calentamiento global y nuestra dependencia en petróleo extranjero, ¿se deberán emitir bonos por un valor de \$9.95 mil millones para establecer un servicio limpio y eficiente de trenes de alta velocidad que una el Sur de California, el Valle de Sacramento/San Joaquin y el Área de la Bahía de San Francisco, con un mínimo del 90 por ciento de los fondos de los bonos gastados en proyectos específicos, con fondos de contrapartida privados y públicos requeridos?			
NICK SCHOUTEN Incumbent Titular			
DARRELL VON DRISKA Incumbent Titular			
JOHN BRAGG Teacher Maestro			
JAN BRADLEY BISSELL Incumbent Titular			
EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT DISTRITO DE AGUA MUNICIPAL DE EASTERN			
Director, División 3 Director, División 3			
RANDY RECORD Farmer Agricultor			
GWENDOLYN CROSS Business Owner / Administrator Propietaria de una Empresa / Administradora			
RUSS UTZ Small Business Owner Propietario de una Pequeña Empresa			

STANDARDS FOR CONFINING FARM ANIMALS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Requires that certain farm animals be allowed, for the majority of every day, to fully extend their limbs or wings, lie down, stand up and turn around. Limited exceptions apply. Fiscal Impact: Potential unknown decrease in state and local tax revenues from farm businesses, possibly in the range of several million dollars annually. Potential minor local and state enforcement and prosecution costs, partly offset by increased fine revenue.			
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NORMAS PARA EL CONFINAMIENTO DE ANIMALES DE GRANJA. LEY POR INICIATIVA. Requiere que se permita que ciertos animales de granja puedan extender completamente los miembros o las alas, acostarse, pararse y darse vuelta la mayor parte de todos los días. Se aplicarían excepciones limitadas. Impacto fiscal: Posible reducción desconocida de las recaudaciones impositivas estatales y locales de granjas comerciales, posiblemente del orden de varios millones de dólares anuales. Posibles costos locales y estatales menores de cumplimiento y enjuiciamiento, por contrarrestados parcialmente por recaudaciones provenientes de multas.		Yes / Sí	
		No / No	
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CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BOND ACT. GRANT PROGRAM. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Authorizes \$980,000,000 in general obligation bonds for construction, expansion, remodeling, renovation, furnishing and equipping of eligible children's hospitals. Fiscal Impact: State cost of about \$2 billion over 30 years to pay off both the principal (\$980 million) and interest (\$933 million) costs of the bonds. Payments of about \$64 million per year.			
LEY DE BONOS PARA HOSPITALES DE NIÑOS. PROGRAMA DE SUBSIDIOS. LEY POR INICIATIVA. Autoriza la emisión de bonos de responsabilidad general por un			

incluyendo, pero sin limitarse a, fondos federales, fondos provenientes de las recaudaciones de los bonos y fondos locales, y con todos los fondos de los bonos sujetos a auditorías independientes? Impacto fiscal: Costos para el estado de \$19.4 mil millones, suponiendo 30 años para saldar los costos de capital e intereses de los bonos. Los pagos en promedio serían de unos \$647 millones por año. Cuando esté construido, costos operativos y de mantenimiento desconocidos, probablemente de más de mil millones de dólares anuales contrarrestados al menos parcialmente, y posiblemente en su totalidad, por las tarifas de pasajeros.

Yes / Sí
No / No

valor de \$980,000,000 para la construcción, la expansión, el remodelado, la renovación, el amueblamiento y el equipamiento de hospitales de niños calificados. Impacto fiscal: Costo para el estado de unos \$2 mil millones a lo largo de 30 años para pagar los costos de capital (\$980 millones) e intereses (\$933 millones) de los bonos. Pagos de unos \$64 millones anuales.

Yes / Sí
No / No



MEASURE(S) SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS / MEDIDA(S) SOMETIDAS A LOS VOTANTES	
STATE / ESTADO	
4 WAITING PERIOD AND PARENTAL NOTIFICATION BEFORE TERMINATION OF MINOR'S PREGNANCY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Changes California Constitution, prohibiting abortion for unemancipated minor until 48 hours after physician notifies minor's parent, legal guardian, or, in limited cases, substitute adult relative. Provides an exception for medical emergency or parental waiver. Fiscal Impact: Potential unknown net state costs of several million dollars annually for health and social services programs, court administration, and state health agency administration combined. PERIODO DE ESPERA Y NOTIFICACIÓN A LOS PADRES ANTES DE PONER FIN AL EMBARAZO DE UNA MENOR DE EDAD. ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL POR INICIATIVA. Cambia la Constitución de California para prohibir los abortos a menores de edad no emancipadas hasta que hayan transcurrido 48 horas desde que el médico se lo haya notificado a uno de los padres, al tutor legal o, en casos limitados, a un pariente adulto sustituto de la menor de edad. Permite una excepción para emergencias médicas o renuncia de los padres. Impacto fiscal: Posibles costos netos desconocidos para el estado de varios millones de dólares anuales correspondientes a programas de salud y servicios sociales, administración de tribunales y administración de la agencia de salud pública del estado. YES SÍ NO NO	↓ ↓
5 NONVIOLENT DRUG OFFENSES, SENTENCING, PAROLE AND REHABILITATION. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Allocates \$460,000,000 annually to improve and expand treatment programs. Limits court authority to incarcerate offenders who commit certain drug crimes, break drug treatment rules or violate parole. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs potentially exceeding \$1 billion annually primarily for expansion of offender treatment programs. State savings potentially exceeding \$1 billion annually on corrections operations. Net one-time state prison capital outlay savings potentially exceeding \$2.5 billion. DELITOS DE DROGAS NO VIOLENTOS. SENTENCIAS, LIBERTAD SUPERVISADA Y REHABILITACIÓN. LEY POR INICIATIVA. Adjudica anualmente \$460,000,000 al mejoramiento y la expansión de programas de tratamiento de drogas. Limita la autoridad de los tribunales de encarcelar a delincuentes que cometen ciertos delitos de drogas, violan las reglas del tratamiento de drogas o violan la libertad supervisada. Impacto fiscal: Mayores costos que pueden exceder mil millones de dólares anuales, principalmente por la expansión de los programas de tratamiento de los delincuentes. Ahorros para el estado posiblemente en exceso de mil millones de dólares anuales para operar las correccionales. Ahorro neto único de inversión de capital estatal en prisiones estatales posiblemente en exceso los \$2.5 mil millones. YES SÍ NO NO	↓ ↓
6 POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNDING. CRIMINAL PENALTIES AND LAWS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Requires minimum of \$965,000,000 of state funding each year for police and local law enforcement. Makes approximately 30 revisions to California criminal law. Fiscal Impact: Increased net state costs exceeding \$500 million annually due to increasing spending on criminal justice programs to at least \$965 million and for corrections operating costs. Potential one-time state prison capital outlay costs exceeding \$500 million. FINANCIAMIENTO PARA LA POLICÍA Y EL CUMPLIMIENTO DE LA LEY. SANCIONES Y LEYES PENALES. LEY POR INICIATIVA. Requiere un financiamiento estatal anual mínimo de \$965,000,000 para la policía y el cumplimiento local de la ley. Realiza aproximadamente 30 modificaciones del derecho penal de California. Impacto fiscal: Mayores costos netos para el estado que exceden los \$500 millones anuales debido al aumento de los gastos en programas de justicia penal hasta un mínimo de \$965 millones y de costos de operación de las correccionales. Posible inversión única de capital en prisiones estatales de más de \$500 millones. YES SÍ NO NO	↓ ↓
7 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Requires government-owned utilities to generate 20% of their electricity from renewable energy by 2010, a standard currently applicable to private electrical corporations. Raises requirement for all utilities to 40% by 2020 and 50% by 2025. Fiscal Impact: Increased state administrative costs up to \$3.4 million annually, paid by fees. Unknown impact on state and local government costs and revenues due to the measure's uncertain impact on retail electricity rates. GENERACIÓN DE ENERGÍA RENOVABLE. LEY POR INICIATIVA. Requiere que los servicios públicos de propiedad del gobierno generen el 20% de su electricidad de fuentes de energía renovable para el 2010, una norma que en la actualidad es aplicable a las corporaciones privadas de generación de energía eléctrica. Aumenta el requisito para todos los servicios públicos al 40% para el 2020 y al 50% para el 2025. Impacto fiscal: Mayores costos administrativos para el estado de hasta \$3.4 millones anuales, pagados con cuotas. Impacto desconocido sobre los gastos y recaudaciones de los gobiernos estatal y locales a causa del impacto incierto de la medida sobre las tarifas minoristas de electricidad. YES SÍ NO NO	↓ ↓

8 ELIMINATES RIGHT OF SAME-SEX COUPLES TO MARRY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Changes California Constitution to eliminate the right of same-sex couples to marry. Provides that only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California. Fiscal Impact: Over next few years, potential revenue loss, mainly sales taxes, totaling in the several tens of millions of dollars, to state and local governments. In the long run, likely little fiscal impact on state and local governments.	ELIMINA EL DERECHO A CASARSE DE LAS PAREJAS DEL MISMO SEXO. ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL POR INICIATIVA. Cambia la Constitución de California para eliminar el derecho a casarse de las parejas del mismo sexo. Dispone que sólo el casamiento entre un hombre y una mujer sea válido o reconocido en California. Impacto fiscal: A lo largo de los próximos varios años, posible pérdida de recaudaciones, principalmente de impuestos sobre las ventas, que puede ascender a varias decenas de millones de dólares, para los gobiernos estatal y locales. A largo plazo, probablemente poco impacto fiscal sobre los gobiernos estatal y locales.	YES SÍ NO NO
9 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. VICTIMS' RIGHTS. PAROLE. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Requires notification to victim and opportunity for input during phases of criminal justice process, including bail, pleas, sentencing and parole. Establishes victim safety as consideration for bail or parole. Fiscal Impact: Potential loss of state savings on prison operations and increased county jail costs amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars annually. Potential net savings in the low tens of millions of dollars annually on parole procedures.	SISTEMA DE JUSTICIA PENAL. DERECHOS DE LAS VÍCTIMAS. LIBERTAD SUPERVISADA. ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL Y LEY POR INICIATIVA. Requiere notificación a la víctima y que se le dé la oportunidad de hacer comentarios durante ciertas etapas del proceso de justicia penal, incluyendo fianza, declaración de culpabilidad o inocencia, sentencia y libertad supervisada. Establece que se considere la seguridad de la víctima al determinar la fianza o la libertad supervisada. Impacto fiscal: Posible pérdida de ahorros estatales de funcionamiento de prisiones y mayores costos para las cárceles de los condados de cientos de millones de dólares anuales. Posibles ahorros netos anuales a largo plazo de unas pocas decenas de millones de dólares en procedimientos de libertad supervisada.	YES SÍ NO NO
10 ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES AND RENEWABLE ENERGY. BONDS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Authorizes \$5 billion in bonds paid from state's General Fund, to help consumers and others purchase certain vehicles, and to fund research in renewable energy and alternative fuel vehicles. Fiscal Impact: State cost of about \$10 billion over 30 years to repay bonds. Increased state and local revenues, potentially totaling several tens of millions of dollars through 2019. Potential state administrative costs up to about \$10 million annually.	VEHÍCULOS DE COMBUSTIBLE ALTERNATIVO Y ENERGÍA RENOVABLE. BONOS. LEY POR INICIATIVA. Autoriza \$5 mil millones en bonos a ser pagados con dinero del Fondo General del estado para ayudar a consumidores y a otros a comprar ciertos vehículos y para financiar investigación en energía renovable y vehículos de combustible alternativo. Impacto fiscal: Costos para el estado de unos \$10 mil millones a lo largo de 30 años para saldar los bonos. Mayores recaudaciones estatales y locales, con posibilidad de ascender a varias decenas de millones de dólares hasta el año 2019. Posibles costos administrativos para el estado de unos \$10 millones anuales.	YES SÍ NO NO
11 REDISTRICTING. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Changes authority for establishing state office boundaries from elected representatives to commission. Establishes multilevel process to select commissioners from registered voter pool. Commission comprised of Democrats, Republicans, and representatives of neither party. Fiscal Impact: Potential increase in state redistricting costs once every ten years due to two entities performing redistricting. Any increase in costs probably would not be significant.	REDISTRIBUCIÓN DE LOS DISTRITOS ELECTORALES. ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL Y LEY POR INICIATIVA. Cambia la autoridad de establecer límites de distritos electorales de representantes elegidos por votación a una comisión. Establece un proceso de múltiples niveles para seleccionar comisionados de un grupo de votantes inscritos. La comisión estaría formada por demócratas, republicanos y representantes de ninguno de esos partidos políticos. Impacto fiscal: Posible aumento de los costos de redistribución de los distritos electorales para el estado una vez cada diez años porque la redistribución sería realizada por dos entidades. Los aumentos de los costos, si los hay, probablemente no serían significativos.	YES SÍ NO NO

MEASURE(S) SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS / MEDIDA(S) SOMETIDAS A LOS VOTANTES	
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12 VETERANS' BOND ACT OF 2008. This act provides for a bond issue of nine hundred million dollars (\$900,000,000) to provide farm and home aid for California veterans. Fiscal Impact: Costs of about \$1.8 billion to pay off both the principal (\$900 million) and interest (\$856 million) on the bonds; costs paid by participating veterans. Average payment for principal and interest of about \$59 million per year for 30 years. LEY DE BONOS DE VETERANOS DE 2008. Esta ley dispone una emisión de bonos de novecientos millones de dólares (\$900,000,000) para proporcionar asistencia a los veteranos de California para granjas y viviendas. Impacto fiscal: Costos de unos \$1.8 mil millones para saldar el capital (\$900 millones) y los intereses (\$856 millones) de los bonos; costos pagados por los veteranos participantes. Pago promedio del capital e intereses de aproximadamente \$59 millones anuales por 30 años.	YES SI NO NO
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CITY OF HEMET / CIUDAD DE HEMET	
O City of Hemet Vital City Services Measure To restore/maintain vital services: retain police officers/firefighters/paramedics; improve 9-1-1/disaster response; maintain anti-crime, gang/drug prevention programs; fix potholes/streets; restore library hours; reduce traffic congestion; fund youth/senior services; fund any City services/purposes shall the City of Hemet establish a 5 percent utility users tax, exempting low-income seniors, requiring annual financial audits, no tax rate increases without voter approval, with all funds legally required to benefit Hemet? La Medida de Servicios Vitales Municipales de la Ciudad de Hemet A fin de restaurar/mantener servicios vitales: retener agentes de policía/bomberos/paramédicos; mejorar la respuesta a 9-1-1/desastre; mantener programas de la lucha contra la delincuencia, prevención contra pandillas/drogas; arreglar baches/calles; restablecer horarios de biblioteca; reducir congestión de tráfico; financiar servicios para juventud/personas mayores; financiar servicios/proósitos de la Ciudad. ¿Debería la Ciudad de Hemet establecer un impuesto a los consumidores de servicios públicos de 5 por ciento, excluyendo a las personas mayores de bajos ingresos, requiriendo auditorías financieras anuales, sin incrementos de tarifas de impuesto, con todos los fondos legalmente requeridos para beneficiar a Hemet?	YES SI NO NO

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.

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

STATE SENATE, 31ST DISTRICT

Bob Dutton, Republican

STATE SENATE, 37TH DISTRICT

Arthur Bravo Guerrero, Democratic

STATE ASSEMBLY, 63RD DISTRICT

Bill Emmerson, Republican
Mark David Westwood, Democratic

STATE ASSEMBLY, 64TH DISTRICT

Brian Nestande, Republican

STATE ASSEMBLY, 65TH DISTRICT

Paul Cook, Republican
Carl Wood, Democratic

STATE ASSEMBLY, 66TH DISTRICT

Grey Kenneth Frandsen, Democratic
Kevin D. Jeffries, Republican

STATE ASSEMBLY, 71ST DISTRICT

STATE ASSEMBLY, 80TH DISTRICT

Manuel Perez, Democratic

STATEMENTS OF LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES SEEKING PARTISAN OFFICE

CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR STATE SENATOR, 37TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

ARTHUR BRAVO GUERRERO, Democratic **AGE: 46**
OCCUPATION: Computer Systems Analyst/Retired Army Specialist
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

California Voters,

I have "A Real Direction" for District 37. I am the candidate that produces results! Our district is in grave need of educational resources, veteran and senior services, crime prevention, healthcare services, rapid transportation, economic stability, and family financial security. I am ready to work with our elected State officials to complete this task using sensible planning.

My education and experience includes: Army Veteran, School Counselor/Educator, Computer Systems Technologist for 25 years, Air Quality Management controller, Trails Open Space and Beautification Commissioner, Geographic Information Systems Operator, Health Care services, Community Volunteer, and Laborer.

My work provides me with great flexibility in various professions to make logical and well planned working solutions for District 37. It's time to move forward not backward! Your vote will get us back on our feet economically with my Environmental, Educational, and Transportation Technology Plan.

I am Endorsed by the California Labor Federation (AFL-CIO), The California Federation of Teachers, COPE, Communication Workers of America, and The California Democratic Party.

As State Senator and citizen, being aware of our State's shortfalls, I will create new long-term programs for families, business, and workers. My neighbors of Riverside County it's time to get what is long overdue our County through State and Federal funding. Your voice needs to be heard. I am committed to work hard and listen to your concerns 100%. It's time to move and change towards a new direction for the people of District 37. I am the Democrat to do just that!

www.GuerreroForSenate.com

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CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, 65TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

PAUL COOK, Republican

OCCUPATION: Assemblyman / Retired US Marine Colonel
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

California needs REAL ACTION to fix the budget, secure our border, protect families and get the state back on track - I will lead that effort. That's why I am asking for your vote.

Paul Cook: Respected Assemblyman. Decorated US Marine. Trusted Leader.

As your Assemblyman, I've listened to your concerns and taken real action to oppose higher taxes, defend family values and secure our border. I'll support efforts to eliminate pay for the Governor and every Legislator when they fail to pass a balanced budget on time.

That's why I introduced legislation to eliminate special benefits for illegal immigrants, keep sexual predators away from children, enforce the death penalty, and provide help to injured veterans. And, I have stood up to lobbyists and special interests who are waging war on our wallets and our values.

I've put my PRINCIPLES and my experience as an Assemblyman, Mayor and Combat Leader to work solving real problems.

The California Taxpayers Association has given me a 100% rating and I'm proud to have earned the support of every leading tax-fighter and law enforcement organization in San Bernardino County - including - including Riverside County Sheriff Stanley Sniff and DA Rod Pacheco.

But more importantly, I'd appreciate your support - and your vote.

I've spent my lifetime defending America and the values that make us strong - a fight I will continue in the State Assembly. To learn more or to join my campaign, visit my website:
www.JoinPaulCook.com

CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, 65TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

CARL WOOD, Democratic

AGE: 60

OCCUPATION: Energy Analyst / Educator
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a worker, union leader and public official, Carl has spent a lifetime working for economic and social justice. When elected to the Assembly, he will be a powerful advocate for education, clean renewable energy, health care, and economic security for working families, seniors and veterans in the Inland Empire.

A 1964 Riverside Poly High graduate, Carl attended UC Riverside, where he was elected student body president. After college, he worked 20 years as an industrial electrician. In 1986, Carl was elected to lead Utility Workers Union of America, Local 246 and served on the union's National Executive Board. In 1992 he was elected Director of San Diego's North County Fire Protection District.

In 1999, Governor Davis appointed Carl to a six-year term as California Public Utilities Commissioner. He is best known for his remarkable efforts to stabilize and re-regulate California's electric industry during the Energy Crisis. Wood also headed the California Electricity Generation Facilities Standards Committee.

Carl chaired the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Consumer Affairs Committee and authored California's historic Telecommunications Consumer Bill of Rights.

An internationally known expert on energy, utilities and consumer protection, Carl has testified before Congress and numerous state and federal agencies. He has served on the National Policy Council of AARP and is currently President of the Board of The Utility Reform Network (TURN).

Carl and his wife Anne, married 35 years, have a son and daughter and four grandchildren. The Woods reside in Cherry Valley in Riverside County.

Please visit www.wood4assembly.org

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 3**

CHARLOTTE JONES **AGE: 61**
OCCUPATION: Business Owner
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Since 1950, I have been a Hemet resident, completing my K-12 education in Hemet schools. After graduating from UC Berkeley, I was employed at Hemet Valley Medical Center for 34 years. Retiring in 2004, I now lead the public relations program of our family owned and managed mortuary and cemetery business. My husband, two sons, and daughter-in-law also graduated from HUSD schools.

Currently serving as board president, it has been a gratifying experience to participate for the past 12 years in the success of HUSD. Public education offering high quality academic, vocational and alternative programs that meet diversified student needs is critical to community success.

School facilities planned, financed and built to house these programs are community assets to be shared with multiple area organizations. Conservative budgets are developed to retain our local governmental options during economic downturn.

Creating and maintaining a safe and nurturing student environment is mandatory for academic achievement.

Appreciating many opportunities throughout my life, I voluntarily participate in community activities that guide this region to remain a wonderful place to live and work. Please vote to elect Charlotte Jones. Visit www.electcharlottejones.com for more information.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 3**

LISA DEFOREST **AGE: 42**
OCCUPATION: Doctor
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Dr. Lisa DeForest and I am running for Hemet's school board. I believe every child has the right to a quality education. My husband, a Riverside Sheriff Deputy and I are parents of two children who attend Hemet schools.

I want my children and every other child, to experience their educational journey in a safe and effective school environment. As an instructor at Cal Poly Pomona and Mt. San Jacinto Community College, I understand the need for providing educators with proper resources, smaller class size, sensible application of the budget, as well as a dedication to excellence for all students.

I have served this community on non-profit boards, was chosen Women of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce, and currently chair the Women's Leadership Council for United Way.

Dedication to Safety, is one reason that I am a founder of Valley Watch.Org, a non profit dedicated to tracking and reporting on the movement of criminals that pose a threat to our children.

I am known for my high energy, listening to people and addressing their concerns, researching issues and making good decisions.

Please vote for Dr. Lisa DeForest on November 4th

www.drlisa4schools.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 3**

MARILYN FORST
OCCUPATION: Retired Teacher Businesswoman
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

The responsibility of a trustee is to put the kids first for their education, their health, their safety, and their future. As a retired teacher of 37 years I have worked to develop our students into responsible and well educated citizens. During my years teaching in the Hemet schools, I expected excellence from my students. As a trustee of the Hemet Unified School District, I will demand nothing less from those who are running our schools.

As a trustee, I will work to ensure that accountability, excellence, and dedication for our students remain the first priority. My time as an educator and 8 years tenure as a trustee in the school district uniquely qualifies me to serve on the Board of Trustees.

My husband and I have been married for 54 years, residing in Hemet for 45 years. We have 3 children, all graduates of Hemet High School. We have 8 grandchildren, 4 currently enrolled in Hemet schools.

I have dedicated my adult life to the education and development of children because our Kids come first. I respectfully ask for your vote on November 4th to allow me to continue my commitment to our children.

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**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 3**

SID COTTRELL **AGE: 65**
OCCUPATION: Retired District Administrator
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I want to keep our students in their classroom seats and not to wander the streets during the school day. I will work to achieve this goal by:

- Developing policies to increase campus safety.
- Providing support for activities that are academic and non-academic based.
- Developing and implementing programs on senior high campuses to make up lost credits.
- Changing existing policies on student attendance and suspensions increasing district fiscal revenue.

I have served in public education for forty-one years as a teacher, principal, district administrator, and a university professor retiring from the Hemet Unified School District in June, 2008.

While working for Hemet Unified I was instrumental in establishing the Hemet Education Foundation, the Hemet Unified School District Management Association and the Hemet Educational Learning Program (HELP).

I have been a resident of Hemet for over twenty-eight years. I have demonstrated sensitivity to the concerns of our students, parents, school employees and the community in whatever position I have held. I will continue to listen and support your opportunity to be heard.

You can contact me at (951) 766-1190.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE AREA 3**

RON BREYER **AGE: 65**
OCCUPATION: Retired Educator
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

With the California state budget in decline, school board members must take a common sense approach to the school district's budget cuts. Informed decisions will come from listening to teachers, parents, administrators, and the community. We must avoid any wasteful spending. Cooperative agreements with other local agencies will avoid unnecessary duplication of services and facilities. As a board member, I will have the experience and motivation to make these difficult decisions.

My wife and I raised our four children in Hemet. I taught and coached high school football and track in the valley for 40 years before my recent retirement. I received my Bachelors degree in History from Redlands University and my Masters in Education Administration from Northern Colorado University.

A solid fundamental education is necessary for students going on to college or straight into the workforce. Our schools provide excellent preparation for our college-bound students, and our vocational education programs keep pace to meet the needs of an ever-changing economy. Most importantly, students need schools to be safe zones where they are free to learn.

Hemet Unified School District has many quality teachers in the classroom and we must keep it that way.

I respectfully request your vote.

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

ALFRED M. AYALA

OCCUPATION: Banker and Marine

EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS:

Alfred M. Ayala, appreciates the confidence of your vote as part of a solution. His business management, successful leadership and caring character makes the difference. Let's honor Hemet's legacy quality of life and focus on preserving a better place to live and work in.

Alfred will collaborate for:

- * Fiscal Responsibility - Budget within Hemet's means, Rebuild reserves
- * Public Safety - Sustain Police response times and specialized enforcement, Keep Fire Stations open and staffed appropriately while developing our Paramedic program
- * Community Services - Maintain Parks, Library, Senior and Youth programs

Striving for smart growth of Hemet for our families and businesses makes for a better future.

Alfred's call to represent you comes as a result of support from family, veterans, business owners, seniors and community stakeholders.

Alfred will leverage 14 years of banking and strategic project management, 7 years of championing community reinvestment, affordable housing and business development programs, and 8 years in the Marines.

Voting for Alfred, brings new energy and leadership to ensure Hemet remains our preferred place to raise families or enjoy retirement.

Alfred, a Banker and Marine with an open dialog to build consensus for a better Hemet through strategic solutions. Vote for Alfred M. Ayala!

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

JERRY FRANCHVILLE

AGE: 33

OCCUPATION: County Sheriff Investigator

EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS:

My name is Jerry Franchville and I would like the opportunity to represent the citizens of the great City of Hemet. I am 33 years-old and have lived in the Hemet Valley area my entire adult life (15 years). I became a law enforcement officer in 1998 and now serve the community as a Detective.

Months after graduating high school, I moved to Hemet and began work at Hemet's multi-cinema theater while sometimes working part time at other Hemet businesses. I have earned my Associate of Science degree in Administration of Justice with a majority of my classes taken at the local community college. I feel the Hemet community has given me so much and this is my opportunity to give back.

Lately I've noticed the city is looking less attractive and there are concerns about the expected budget deficient. We need to make Hemet a desirable and safe place to raise our children and to enjoy retirement. City officials must be accountable to their citizenry and Hemet needs a comprehensive, long-range plan while addressing resident concerns and respecting the city's rich history.

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

JIM FOREMAN

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I'm a Husband, Father, Grandfather, Retired Hemet Police Officer, Decorated Combat Veteran, and a citizen of this community.

I am running for City Council because I am concerned about the direction the City is currently taking. I have listed some of my concerns:

- Public Safety: We have fewer police officers per capita then we did in 1994. I will work to increase the size of our Police Department. Senior citizens should be able to go for a walk knowing they are safe. I want our children and grandchildren to be able to play in our parks without having to worry about perverts.
- Quality of life: I will invite responsible development into our City, streamlining planning and permits. I will actively look for alternative ways to finance City programs rather than raising taxes.
- Term Limits: I believe in term limits. City council should not be a position for a "Career Politician." We should limit the amount of terms so there is never a concern about "Special Interest."
- Transparent Government: I don't believe in secret dealings. When I am elected all citizens will be apprised of City Government dealings.

Vote for me and together we can make changes.

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

ROBERT YOUSSEF

AGE: 27

OCCUPATION: Bank Manager

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a resident of the City of Hemet for over fourteen years, I have seen our community change. But, there are key issues that can make Hemet a stronger and safer place to live:

- I have a MBA in Business and a Banker's Background.
- I passionately encourage business. Hemet needs well paying jobs to reduce traffic from daily commuting and lower tax burdens for our businesses.
- As a strong supporter of sound and balanced budget, I will bring forth new and innovative ideas to balance the budget without raising taxes. I support fiscal responsibility not tax increases as a means of balancing the budget.
- As an advocate of timely controlled growth, my plan is to focus on infrastructure well before development. Developers should be held responsible for road work before and after projects, not the taxpayer.
- As a proponent of a growing city, I support a voter driven initiative for City Council term limits so that the council can meet future needs of the city.

These issues that are brought before us should be the focus of moving Hemet forward, towards A NEW VISION.

I ask you for your vote.

Robert Youssef

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

SCOTT GARRETT

AGE: 50

OCCUPATION: Farmer

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am for transparency and accountability in government, essential elements to building trust with the citizens of our City. Too many decisions have been made behind closed doors without satisfactory explanations. My goal is to restore trust in City Government.

We must live within our means and be conservative in our spending to avoid raising taxes to cover excessive spending. If we as citizens should decide to tax ourselves, it should be for a specific purpose so that there is accountability.

Our city needs to be economically and ecologically sustainable, because economic forces are underway that will require us to think and live differently. We must strive to create neighborhoods that are practical, affordable and spiritually gratifying. The point is to raise the standard of excellence in design for the benefit of the whole community.

Safety is a paramount concern for all of us. The best way to bring security to our streets is to make them delightful places that honorable and decent citizens will want to walk on. They become self policing.

It is within our power to create a city that is worthy of our affection. I ask for your support.

Scott Garrett

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

LORI VANARSDALE

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Involved, enthusiastic, reliable.

I've been listening! You want straight talk, solutions and real action regarding the challenges facing Hemet today.

When it comes to protecting the rights of Seniors, your housing and your safety, no council member is more passionate or has a better track record. Keeping gangs and graffiti off our streets and seizing regional opportunities continue to be my high priorities.

We no longer have the luxury of living high off of a booming market. We must make tough, stabilizing choices to ensure our quality of life will not be subject to the whims of future market economies.

Tremendous opportunities are available to Hemet in the clean, green field of energy. Sustainable industries will bring jobs and generate revenues. I have the experience and commitment to bring these industries home.

I am the fiscal conservative. I have helped bring tens of millions of dollars to our community by ensuring state and federal governments gives Hemet the money it deserves. Now more than ever we need this expertise on City Council.

I have the historic knowledge needed to move this city forward. With your vote I will remain involved, enthusiastic, reliable. You can depend on me!

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

JIM CLAVERIE

OCCUPATION: Consumer Relations Manager
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Your vote for Jim Claverie means:

- *30+ years in Hemet
- *15 years Skyline Homes-Regional Manager
- *Hemet High School Graduate
- *MBA in Management

*I do not support burdening our community's residents with new taxes; especially those that are experiencing serious financial difficulty. However, with our backs against the wall this may be our only option. Three years ago we had a multi-million dollar surplus in our city's budget today we are five million in the red. I commit to responsible and transparent management of our city's finances; the budget needs to be managed like a business... we should not continue to spend money we do not have.

*A commitment to bring better paying jobs to Hemet allowing our residents to save gas money and spend more time with their loved ones.

*Strong commitment to public safety (police/fire); our families need to feel and be safe.

*Energy and transportation efficiency analysis of our city departments and projects.

*I want to know your priorities, concerns and suggestions for our valley. Let me know by taking the survey at Jimclaverie.com. Now is the time for new proactive and responsible leadership.

*Let's not give up; together we can change things for the better!

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

BRIAN CHRISTIE

OCCUPATION: Firefighter
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

The safety of each person in Hemet is my concern. Born and raised in Hemet, a Fireman by profession; gives me experience to know that Hemet's public safety services must continue to provide the best police, fire and medical protection.

The financial health of the city is also a priority. My voting record shows that I am independent and not afraid to stand my ground. I did NOT vote for the 40% pay raises for city staff or pay raises for the City Council. I will continue to expect fiscal responsibility and accountability.

Creating jobs, attracting business and industry to Hemet will allow our citizens to live, work and play near home. Well planned growth will reduce long drives as well as reduced traffic congestion problems which must be addressed now.

Providing activities for youth, families and seniors must continue to be pursued.

I will continue to review city policies and processes to improve the responsiveness and courtesy of the city government while addressing community needs and making the city accountable to the citizens.

As our city continues to experience the pressures of growth and change, my leadership with vision, common sense and commitment will allow Hemet to thrive.

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

KAREN PRIDEMORE

EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS:

I am running for a member of the City Council, because I want to be a voice for the people, I want the city to realize that they work for the PEOPLE of Hemet, and to be accountable to them. My husband and I have lived here for over 13 years and raised six children who live here with their families and do business here also. I am a high school graudate, a beauty school graudate, I worked over ten years with the public in services, I have worked in all different areas, a a leader in 4-11 clubs Horse show clubs, was nominated Horse show mother of the Year in Washington, worked with Rios Cuynon Little Leauge Baseball for 5 years as Team mom, also writer for the Baseball League.

I have worked for The School district as helper and room mom in elementary classes in Crest Elementary School. I am a business owner muralist, & artist. I am friendly, honest, and will work for The PEOPLE in representing Their Voice so that they may have, and enjoy..... Life - Liberty - AND The pursuit of Happiness

Thank you for your Vote

Sincerely

Karen Pridemore

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
VALLEY HEALTH SYSTEM, ZONE 7**

VINAY M. RAO

OCCUPATION: Healthcare Administrator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I have been a resident of the San Jacinto Valley for 16 years and have 20 years of experience in the healthcare field. Working with premier healthcare organizations including FHP, Inc., and Tenet Health System provided me with a background in effective hospital management. I have been the administrator for Hemet Healthcare Surgicenter since 2005. My two decades of experience in healthcare administration will be invaluable in guiding Valley Health System as a Director for Zone 7.

I am an active community member in San Jacinto. In 2000, I was one of 10 San Jacinto residents participating in the General Plan Advisory Committee. I have been on the San Jacinto Planning Commission since 2001 and I currently serve as the Chair of that Commission. In 2006, I headed the Measure V Committee, a bond measure to raise approximately \$149 million for the San Jacinto Unified School District to build new schools and other badly needed infrastructure. I serve as Treasurer for the San Jacinto Education Foundation and will continue my efforts in these areas.

Given my experience as a fiscally responsible healthcare administrator, I ask for your vote and confidence to continue improving our valuable community hospital system. Thank you.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
VALLEY HEALTH SYSTEM, ZONE 7**

ROSE SALGADO

OCCUPATION: Retired, Public Utility

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I have lived in the San Jacinto Valley all my life. I graduated from San Jacinto High School and attended the University of California, Riverside. I served on the San Jacinto Unified School District Board of Trustees and currently serve on several Community Boards, such as - Hemet San Jacinto Valley Chamber of Commerce, Ramona Bowl Amphitheatre, Western Center, San Jacinto Education Foundation and Soboba Tribal Council. I have a sincere commitment to the valley and will strive for quality health care. I believe that all residents deserve this. If I am elected I will be an independent decision maker on the Board of VHS for the best interest of the community.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
VALLEY HEALTH SYSTEM, ZONE 7**

ROD TOLLIVER

AGE: 56

OCCUPATION: Businessman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

The San Jacinto Valley has been my home since 1963. During my time here, I have been involved in the community as a member of Hemet-San Jacinto Exchange Club, as a director of Friends of Valley-Wide and the Hemet Library Foundation, and am currently serving as a Director for Zone 7 of Valley Health System. I am asking for your support as I run for re-election.

As a business owner for more than 25 years in the tax and bookkeeping field, my business experience is invaluable as we work to maintain the District's fiscal responsibility.

During my time serving on the Valley Health System board, we have taken some important steps to ensure that the Valley Health System will continue to provide quality health care to the community for years to come. However, there is still much to do.

If re-elected, my goals include the following:

- 1 Work to restore the community's trust
- 2 Maintain good employee morale
- 3 Restore the District to financial solvency
- 4 Expand the facilities in Hemet and Menifee to meet the current and future needs of our growing communities

Please choose integrity, honesty, and experience on Election Day. Vote for Rod Tolliver.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
VALLEY-WIDE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT**

NICK SCHOUTEN **AGE: 69**
OCCUPATION: Retired Dairyman
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a Valley-Wide board member, I am proud of our achievements. We started with one rented building and now operate sixty-six park sites, six sports complexes, an aquatic center, and thirty two after-school sites. We provide quality activities for all ages while keeping costs down.

As Chief Financial Officer for the Association of Recreation and Park Districts for the state of California, I work hard to promote cooperation between diverse public agencies. This eliminates wasteful duplication of facilities and services.

I am married and have six children. I have been a local resident since 1969 and am an active member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

I have been a volunteer coach for girls' athletics for forty years and have served in many community service groups.

Valley-Wide has a proven track record. We serve thousands of children, families, and seniors. We've reduced paid employees by energetically recruiting volunteers.

Valley-Wide is a wise investment in our community's quality of life and our future. Our programs promote fitness and health and channel our youths away from graffiti, gangs, and crime into adult-supervised activities. Recreation is the cornerstone to building a strong community.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
VALLEY-WIDE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT**

DARRELL VON DRISKA **AGE: 69**
OCCUPATION: Teacher - Coach
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Education: B.A. from University of La Verne, M.A. from Azusa-Pacific University

Marital Status: Widower with two grown children and four grandchildren

I have spent my life as an educator working as a teacher and also as a football and softball coach. As a founding member of the Board of Directors of Valley-Wide Recreation & Park District I have seen boys and girls that I have coached become adults and in turn coach their children and now those children are becoming adults. Providing well rounded programs for the tiny tots to the senior citizens is my priority.

Building communities is what Valley-Wide is all about and I am proud to have been a part of that and wish to remain doing so. My experience and time spent on the board make me the best-qualified candidate.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
VALLEY-WIDE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT**

JAN BRADLEY BISSELL **AGE: 58**
OCCUPATION: District Sales Manager
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I have been a Valley resident since 1959 and I'm deeply committed to the families of our Valley. I have been a CIF official for over thirty years in both football and basketball and I serve on the Board of Directors for my Church's school. During my tenure on the Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District Board of Directors we have seen the opening of the Winchester Community Center and the Menifee Gym as well as the development of several new parks in French Valley, Menifee and the new Diamond Valley Lake Community Park and Regional Aquatic Facility.

I believe Valley-Wide is crucial in the development of our communities and I will remain focused on broadening the sports and educational programs for them. My family and I are invested in the Valley and we want to see it continue to grow and prosper and that's why I want to remain on the Board of Directors of Valley-Wide.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 3**

RANDY RECORD

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Water customers deserve and should expect that their dollars are spent in the most economically prudent fashion. Water use efficiency must improve, and local government must partner with water agencies to guarantee the uninterrupted supply of water into the future. I have led the effort to make sure that those partnerships are formed, and I will work hard to ensure that they remain effective.

The water delivery system from Northern California is antiquated and extremely fragile -- one earthquake or major storm will create a Katrina-style disaster that will paralyze our economy and severely impact our lives. Regional water leaders must demand that the system be fixed now.

As a life-long resident and a farmer of the San Jacinto Valley, it has been an honor to serve you as director of Division (3) of the Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD). As EMWD's appointed representative to the Metropolitan Water District, I will continue to advocate on behalf of our local citizens for safe and reliable water at the lowest possible cost.

I have sincerely appreciated your support in the past, and I ask for your vote on November 4th to continue the fight for our water in the future.

Thank You

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 3**

GWENDOLYN M. CROSS

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Our growing community demands an ample supply of quality water. Water Board members must do their homework; they must read and understand all reports brought before them, and they must make additional efforts to research issues themselves.

The only chance we have to ensure a clean water supply is through timely, open disclosure of all pertinent information. It is then the Board's burden to make well-researched, well-reasoned decisions for the benefit of all - taking into account today's water issues, as well as the tomorrows.

I am seeking election to the Eastern Municipal Water Board because I believe I have the passion, the ability, and the experience to meet these demands.

My 37 years working for the Los Angeles School District, plus my community involvement has taught me how to evaluate contracts with due diligence and make careful and balanced decisions. We must act to address our water crisis to safeguard our environment, economy and quality of life.

WE MUST ACT NOW

- .Improve water supply
- .Water quality improvements
- .Water conservation and recycling
- .Safeguard our Environment, Economy and quality of life
- .Fix the delta

I will work tirelessly to guarantee the supply and quality of water for our community.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 3**

RUSS UTZ

AGE: 38

OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

EMWD is not doing enough to guarantee a fairly priced, adequate water supply for our future. They raise rates and do little to encourage conservation or recycling. Rates have skyrocketed, water supplies have dwindled; If elected I promise I will reverse that trend. If these issues concern you and your children, vote for me so that I can represent you.

I bring a diverse base of experience to the water board. I have years of business and leadership experience. Small business owner, former non-profit organization director, grant writer, and experience in making government work for people. San Jacinto Unified School District Measure "V" Citizens' Oversight Committee Member, proud PTA Dad and volunteer with many community service organizations.

I will foster a collaboration between EMWD, local government and our business community to encourage prosperity in these difficult and uncertain times.

I will not increase your water rates. I will enact senior discounts and more changes to reward conservation. I will be the people's representative. I am not interested in politics as a career. I will address past excessive rate and fee hikes, unscheduled road closures, and jobs not completed on time.

Please give me your vote.

Thank you, Russ Utz

www.RussUtz.com

MEASURE "O" – FULL TEXT



CITY OF HEMET
Hemet, California
ORDINANCE NO. 1799

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF HEMET, CALIFORNIA,
ESTABLISHING A 5 PERCENT UTILITY USERS TAX WITHIN THE CITY AND ADOPTION OF NEW
ARTICLE V (UTILITY USERS TAX) TO CHAPTER 74 (TAXATION) OF THE HEMET MUNICIPAL CODE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Constitution article XIIC, section 2, the City Council must submit general taxes to the electorate of the City of Hemet for a vote of qualified voters at a regularly scheduled general election for members of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Inland Empire is one of the fastest growing regions in the state – the population in the city of Hemet has doubled since 1990 to over 78,000 and our public safety and other vital city services have not kept up with the growth; and

WHEREAS, the state of California has taken millions of dollars from city government in the past 10 years to help deal with the state's budget shortfalls. The state's fiscal policies and its tendency to raid local government funding reinforces the fact that we cannot rely on Sacramento to fund our public safety and vital service needs; and

WHEREAS, additional revenue subject to the City Council's local control and not subject to take-away from the state or county is needed to retain and improve Hemet's public safety and other vital services; and

WHEREAS, over the past two years the City has experienced a dramatic decline in tax and other revenues resulting in a substantial fiscal deficit that could only be balanced by the reduction of City staffing and services; and

WHEREAS, the City has reduced the number of police officers and firefighters who provide vital services to minimum levels and the City has laid off other personnel who provide vital services; and

WHEREAS, if the City does not secure an alternative, reliable source of funding for public safety and other vital City services the City will be forced to make significant cuts in public safety expenditures resulting in a reduction in the ratio of police officers per resident and cut-backs in crime prevention programs, gang suppression, and fire and life-safety protection services; and

WHEREAS, without an alternative, reliable funding source the City will be forced to close two or more fire stations and consider other public safety service reductions such as putting a permanent freeze on hiring new police officers and firefighters and on the purchase of public safety equipment; and

WHEREAS, without an alternative, reliable funding source the City will be forced to reduce funding for libraries, senior services, neighborhood park and recreation programs and to reduce funding for or delay street repair, repaving and improvement, storm drain maintenance, and to reduce staffing levels for other vital services such as code enforcement, graffiti removal, and building inspections; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has evaluated the impacts of decreased general fund revenues on the City's ability to provide public safety and other vital services to the community, including the evaluation and implementation of measures to reduce costs as well as measures to increase revenues; and

WHEREAS, the City will be unable to maintain current services levels or improve service levels without an alternative, reliable source of funds;

WHEREAS, the City Council previously directed staff (at the Council meeting of June 24, 2008) to evaluate and prepare a proposed utility users tax ordinance, for consideration by the voters on the November 2008 ballot; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that a general tax on utility users within the City of Hemet at the rate of 5% of all charges for the use of electric, gas, water, sewer, cable, and telecommunication utilities is the most reliable source of funds for the City and should produce sufficient ongoing revenue to avoid reductions in public safety and vital service levels to the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that persons who are low income senior citizens who are also heads of the household shall not be required to pay the general tax on utility users; and

WHEREAS, a measure establishing a 5 percent utility users tax may be submitted to the voters for their consideration and approval by the affirmative vote of least a two-thirds (i.e. 4 members) the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that such tax is best implemented by means of this Ordinance which establishes a 5 percent general utility users tax imposed for general City services and purposes and attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance, in order to become operative, must be approved by a majority vote of qualified voters at a regularly scheduled general election for members of the City Council (pursuant to California Constitution, article XIII C, section 2(b); and California Government Code sections 53723 and 53724).

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council and the People of Hemet do hereby Resolve, Determine, Find, Order, and Ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF UTILITY USERS TAX.

This Ordinance adds a new Article V ("Utility Users Tax") of Chapter 74 ("Taxation") to the Hemet Municipal Code, implementing a 5 percent utility users tax. The Ordinance shall only be operative and effective upon a majority vote of the qualified voters in the General Election of November 4, 2008 for members of the City Council in favor of Measure "O". The text of Article V ("Utility Users Tax") reads as shown in Exhibit "A," and is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall take effect 10 days following declaration of the vote on the measure by the City Council.

SECTION 3. CERTIFICATION AND PUBLICATION.

The City Clerk shall certify the passage of this ordinance as required by applicable law. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to cause this Ordinance to be published within fifteen (15) days after its passage in a newspaper of general circulation and circulated within the City in accordance with Government Code section 36933(a) or, to cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law using the alternative summary and posting procedure authorized under Government Code section 39633(c).

INTRODUCED at the regular meeting of Hemet City Council on July 29, 2008.

Exhibit A

ARTICLE V UTILITY USERS TAX

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This chapter shall be known as the “Utility Users Tax.”

74-131 Purpose.

This chapter is enacted solely to raise revenue for the general governmental purposes of the city of Hemet. All revenues gained under this chapter are legally required to be used for the benefit of the city and community of Hemet.

74-132 Definitions.

Except where the context otherwise requires, the definitions given in this section govern the construction of this chapter:

(a) “Ancillary telecommunication services” means services that are associated with or incidental to the provision, use or enjoyment of telecommunications services, including but not limited to the following services:

(1) “Conference bridging service” means an ancillary service that links two (2) or more participants of an audio or video conference call and may include the provision of a telephone number. Conference bridging service does not include the telecommunications services used to reach the conference bridge.

(2) “Detailed telecommunications billing service” means an ancillary service of separately stating information pertaining to individual calls on a customer’s billing statement.

(3) “Directory assistance” means an ancillary service of providing telephone number information, and/or address information.

(4) “Vertical service” means an ancillary service that is offered in connection with one (1) or more telecommunications services, which offers advanced calling features that allow customers to identify callers and to manage multiple calls and call connections, including conference bridging services.

(5) “Voice mail service” means an ancillary service that enables the customer to store, send or receive recorded messages. Voice mail service does not include any vertical services that the customer may be required to have in order to utilize the voice mail service.

- (b) "Ancillary video services" means services that are associated with or incidental to the provision or delivery of video services, including but not limited to electronic program guide services, search functions, or other interactive services or communications that are associated with or incidental to the provision, use or enjoyment of video programming.
- (c) "Billing address" means the mailing address of the service user where the service supplier submits invoices or bills for payment by the service user.
- (d) "City" means the city of Hemet.
- (e) "City Manager" means the City Manager of city, or his or her authorized representative.
- (f) "Communication services" means: "telecommunication services," "ancillary telecommunication services," "video services" and "ancillary video services."
- (g) "Gas" means natural or manufactured gas or any alternate hydrocarbon fuel, which may be substituted therefor.
- (h) "Mobile telecommunications service" has the same meaning and usage as set forth in the Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act (4 U.S.C. Section 124) and the regulations thereunder.
- (i) "Month" means a calendar month.
- (j) "Municipal organization" shall mean that statewide organization sanctioned by the League of California Cities, or created by statute or by voluntary action, whose purpose is to facilitate the development and dissemination of uniform rulings or interpretations regarding the application of utility users taxes to communication services in the state of California.
- (k) "Low income" means persons or families meeting or below the designation of very low income, adjusted for family size, as calculated annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Riverside County and set forth in California's Official State Income Limits published annually by the California Department of Housing and Community Development.
- (l) "Non-utility service supplier" means:
- (1) A service supplier, other than a supplier of electric distribution services to all or a significant portion of the city, which generates electricity for sale to others, and shall include but is not limited to any publicly-owned electric utility, investor-owned utility, cogenerator, distributed generation provider, exempt wholesale generator (15 U.S.C. Section 79z-5a), municipal utility district, federal power marketing agency, electric rural cooperative, or other supplier or seller of electricity;
 - (2) An electric service provider (ESP), electricity broker, marketer, aggregator, pool operator, or other electricity supplier other than a supplier of electric distribution services to all or a significant portion of the city, which sells or supplies electricity or supplemental services to electricity users within the city; and
 - (3) A gas service supplier, aggregator, marketer or broker, other than a supplier of gas distribution services to all or a significant portion of the city, which sells or supplies gas or supplemental services to gas users within the city.
- (m) "Person" means, without limitation, any domestic, non-profit or foreign corporation; firm; association; syndicate; joint stock company; partnership of any kind; limited liability company; joint venture; club; trust; Massachusetts business or common law trust; estate; society; cooperative; receiver, trustee, guardian or other representative appointed by order of any court; any natural individual; municipal district or municipal corporation, other than the city.
- (n) "Place of primary use" means the street address representative of where the customer's use of the telecommunications service primarily occurs, which must be the residential street address or the primary business street address of the customer.
- (o) "Post-paid telecommunication service" means the telecommunication service obtained by making a payment on a communication-by-communication basis either through the use of a credit card or payment mechanism such as a bank card, travel card, credit card, or debit card, or by charge made to a service number which is not associated with the origination or termination of the telecommunication service.
- (p) "Prepaid telecommunication service" means the right to access telecommunication services, which must be paid for in advance and which enables the origination of communications using an access number or authorization code, whether manually or electronically dialed, and that is sold in predetermined units or dollars of which the number declines with use in a known amount.
- (q) "Private telecommunication service" means a telecommunication service that entitles the customer to exclusive or priority use of a communications channel or group of channels between or among termination points, regardless of the manner in which such channel or channels are connected, and includes switching capacity, extension lines, stations, and any other associated services that are provided in connection with the use of such channel or channels. A communications channel is a physical or virtual path of communications over which signals are transmitted between or among customer channel termination points (i.e., the location where the customer either inputs or receives the communications).
- (r) "Senior citizen" is a person sixty-five (65) years of age or older.

(s) "Service address" means the residential street address or the business street address of the service user. For a telecommunication service user, "service address" means either:

(1) The location of the telecommunication equipment from which the communication originates or terminates, regardless of where the communication is billed or paid; or

(2) If the location in subsection (1) of this definition is unknown (e.g., mobile telecommunications service or VoIP service), the service address means the location of the service user's place of primary use.

(3) For prepaid telecommunication service, "service address" means the location associated with the service number.

(t) "Service supplier" means any person, including the city, who provides or sells communication, electric, gas, water or video service to a user of such services within the city. The term shall include any person required to collect, or self-collect under Section 74-136 of this chapter, and remit a tax as imposed by this chapter, including its billing agent in the case of electric, gas, water or video service suppliers. In the case of video service, where the purchaser of bulk video service (e.g., an apartment owner) resells the video service to individual users, the purchaser of the bulk video service shall be deemed the "service supplier" for tax collection and remittance purposes in Section 74-133.

(u) "Service user" means a person required to pay a tax imposed by this chapter.

(v) "State" means the state of California.

(w) "Tax Administrator" means the Director of Finance of the city of Hemet or his or her designee.

(x) "Telecommunications services" means the transmission, conveyance, or routing of voice, data, audio, video, or any other information or signals to a point, or between or among points, whatever the technology used, and includes broadband service [e.g., digital subscriber line (DSL), fiber optic, coaxial cable, and wireless broadband, including Wi-Fi, WiMAX, and Wireless MESH] to the extent federal and/or state law permits taxation of such broadband services, now or in the future. The term "telecommunications service" includes such transmission, conveyance, or routing in which computer processing applications are used to act on the form, code or protocol of the content for purposes of transmission, conveyance or routing without regard to whether such service is referred to as voice over internet protocol (VoIP) services or is classified by the Federal Communications Commission as enhanced or value added, and includes video and/or data service that is functionally integrated with "telecommunication services."

Telecommunications services include, but is not limited to the following services, regardless of the manner or basis on which such services are calculated or billed: ancillary telecommunication services; intrastate, interstate and international telecommunication services; broadband service (to the extent federal and/or state law permits taxation of such service); mobile telecommunications service; prepaid telecommunication service; post-paid telecommunication service; private telecommunication service; paging service; 800 service (or any other toll-free numbers designated by the Federal Communications Commission); 900 service (or any other similar numbers designated by the Federal Communications Commission for services whereby subscribers who call in to pre-recorded or live service); and value-added non-voice data service.

(y) "Value-added non-voice data service" means a service that otherwise meets the definition of "telecommunications services" in which computer processing applications are used to act on the form, content, code, or protocol of the information or data primarily for a purpose other than transmission, conveyance or routing.

(z) "Video programming" means those programming services commonly provided to subscribers by a "video service supplier" including but not limited to basic services, premium services, audio services, video games, pay-per-view services, video on demand, origination programming, or any other similar services, regardless of the content of such video programming, or the technology used to deliver such services, and regardless of the manner or basis on which such services are calculated or billed.

(aa) "Video services" means any and all services related to the providing or delivering of "video programming" (including origination programming and programming using internet protocol, e.g., IP-TV and IP-Video) using one (1) or more channels by a "video service supplier," regardless of the technology used to deliver or provide such services, and regardless of the manner or basis on which such services are calculated or billed, and includes data services, "telecommunication services," or interactive communication services that are functionally integrated with "video services."

(bb) "Video service supplier" means any person, company, or service which provides or sells one (1) or more channels of video programming, or provides or sells the capability to receive one (1) or more channels of video programming, including any communications that are ancillary, necessary or common to the provision, use or enjoyment of the video programming, to or from a business or residential address in the city, where some fee is paid, whether directly or included in dues or rental charges for that service, whether or not public rights-of-way are utilized in the delivery of the video programming or communications. A "video service supplier" includes, but is not limited to, multichannel video programming distributors [as defined in 47 U.S.C.A. Section 522(13)]; open video systems (OVS) suppliers; and suppliers of cable television; master antenna television; satellite master antenna television; multichannel multipoint distribution services (MMDS); video services using internet protocol (e.g., IP-TV and IP-Video, which provide, among other things, broadcasting and video on demand), direct broadcast satellite to the extent federal law permits taxation of its video services, now or in the future; and other suppliers of video programming or communications (including two-way communications), whatever their technology.

74-133 Communications users tax.

(a) There is imposed a tax upon every person in the city using communication services. The tax imposed by this section shall be at the rate of five percent (5%) of the charges made for such services and shall be collected from the service user by the communication services supplier or its billing

agent. There is a rebuttable presumption that communication services, which are billed to a billing or service address in the city, are used, in whole or in part, within the city's boundaries, and such services are subject to taxation under this chapter. If the billing address of the service user is different from the service address, the service address of the service user shall be used for purposes of imposing the tax. As used in this section, the term "charges" shall include the value of any other services, credits, property of every kind or nature, or other consideration provided by the service user in exchange for the communication services.

(b) "Mobile telecommunications service" shall be sourced in accordance with the sourcing rules set forth in the Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act (4 U.S.C. Section 124). The Tax Administrator may issue and disseminate to communication service suppliers, which are subject to the tax collection requirements of this chapter, sourcing rules for the taxation of other communication services, including but not limited to post-paid communication services, prepaid communication services, and private communication services, provided that such rules are based upon custom and common practice that further administrative efficiency and minimize multi-jurisdictional taxation.

(c) The Tax Administrator may issue and disseminate to communication service suppliers, which are subject to the tax collection requirements of this chapter, an administrative ruling identifying those communication services, or charges therefor, that are subject to the tax of subsection (a) of this section. This administrative ruling shall not impose a new tax, revise an existing tax methodology as stated in this section, or increase an existing tax, except as allowed by California Government Code Section 53750(h)(2)(A).

(d) To facilitate the uniform interpretation and application of similar ordinance provisions in other local jurisdictions in the state, the Tax Administrator shall, prior to issuing and disseminating a sourcing rule or an administrative tax ruling, submit its proposed sourcing rule or administrative tax ruling to the municipal organization for review and comment, according to the rules and procedures of that organization, or its successor organization.

(e) As used in this section, the term "communication services" shall not include charges for services paid for by inserting coins in coin-operated telephones except that where such coin-operated telephone service is furnished for a guaranteed amount, the amounts paid under such guarantee plus any fixed monthly or other periodic charge shall be included in the base for computing the amount of tax due.

(f) Charges for communication services (video) shall include, but are not limited to, charges for the following:

(1) Franchise fees and access fees (PEG);

(2) Initial installation of equipment necessary for provision and receipt of communication services;

(3) Late fees, collection fees, bad debt recoveries, and return check fees;

(4) Activation fees, reactivation fees, and reconnection fees;

(5) All video programming services (e.g., basic services, premium services, audio services, video games, pay-per-view services, or on demand programming);

(6) Ancillary programming services (e.g., electronic program guide services, search functions, or other interactive services or communications that are ancillary, necessary or common to the use or enjoyment of the video programming);

(7) Equipment leases (e.g., converters, remote devices); and

(8) Service calls, service protection plans, name changes, changes of services, and special services.

(g) To prevent actual multi-jurisdictional taxation of communication services subject to tax under this section, any service user, upon proof to the Tax Administrator that the service user has previously paid the same tax in another state or city on such communication services, shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed to the extent of the amount of such tax legally imposed in such other state or city; provided, however, the amount of credit shall not exceed the tax owed to the city under this section.

(h) The tax on communication services imposed by this section shall be collected from the service user by the service supplier. The amount of tax collected in one (1) month shall be remitted to the Tax Administrator, and must be received by the Tax Administrator on or before the twentieth (20th) day of the following month.

(i) Upon a showing of hardship, the Tax Administrator may administratively delay the implementation of this section until no later than January 1, 2010. Prior to such time, the Tax Administrator may administratively permit the telecommunications tax to be applied to intrastate, interstate, and international telecommunication services in the same manner as the federal excise tax was applied to "communication services" as defined in Sections 4251 and 4252 of the Internal Revenue Code, and the IRS regulations and rulings pertaining thereto, prior to August 12, 2008, and regardless of whether charges for such services are based on time, distance, or on any other basis, and as such sections are limited by the exceptions of Sections 4252(d) and 4253.

74-134 Electricity users tax.

(a) There is imposed a tax upon every person using electricity in the city. The tax imposed by this section shall be at the rate of five percent (5%) of the charges made for such electricity, and for any supplemental services or other associated activities directly related to and/or necessary for the provision of electricity to the service user, which are provided by a service supplier or non-utility service supplier to a service user. The tax shall be collected from the service user by the service supplier or non-utility service supplier, or its billing agent.

(b) As used in this section, the term "charges" shall apply to all services, components and items that are: i) necessary for or common to the receipt, use or enjoyment of electric service; or, ii) currently are or historically have been included in a single or bundled rate for electric service by a local distribution company to a class of retail customers. The term "charges" shall include, but is not limited to, the following charges:

(1) Energy charges;

(2) Distribution or transmission charges;

(3) Metering charges;

(4) Stand-by, reserves, firming, ramping, voltage support, regulation, emergency, or other similar charges for supplemental services to self-generation service users;

(5) Customer charges, late charges, service establishment or reestablishment charges, demand charges, fuel or other cost adjustments, power exchange charges, independent system operator (ISO) charges, stranded investment or competitive transition charges (CTC), public purpose program charges, nuclear decommissioning charges, trust transfer amounts (bond financing charges), franchise fees, franchise surcharges, annual and monthly charges, and other charges, fees or surcharges which are necessary for or common to the receipt, use or enjoyment of electric service; and

(6) Charges, fees, or surcharges for electricity services or programs which are mandated by the California Public Utilities Commission or the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, whether or not such charges, fees, or surcharges appear on a bundled or line item basis on the customer billing.

(c) As used in this section, the term "charges" shall include the value of any other services, credits, property of every kind or nature, or other consideration provided by the service user in exchange for the electricity or services related to the provision of such electricity.

(d) The Tax Administrator, from time to time, may survey the electric service suppliers to identify the various unbundled billing components of electric retail service that they commonly provide to residential and commercial/industrial customers in the city, and the charges therefor, including those items that are mandated by state or federal regulatory agencies as a condition of providing such electric service. The Tax Administrator, thereafter, may issue and disseminate to such electric service suppliers an administrative ruling identifying those components and items which are: i) necessary for or common to the receipt, use or enjoyment of electric service; or, ii) currently are or historically have been included in a single or bundled rate for electric service by a local distribution company to a class of retail customers. Charges for such components and items shall be subject to the tax of subsection (a) of this section.

(e) As used in this section, the term "using electricity" shall not include the mere receiving of such electricity by an electrical corporation or governmental agency at a point within the city for resale.

(f) The tax on electricity provided by self-production or by a non-utility service supplier not under the jurisdiction of this chapter shall be collected and remitted in the manner set forth in Section 75-136 of this chapter. All other taxes on charges for electricity imposed by this section shall be collected from the service user by the electric service supplier or its billing agent. The amount of tax collected in one (1) month shall be remitted to the Tax Administrator, and must be received by the Tax Administrator on or before the twentieth (20th) day of the following month; or, at the option of the person required to collect and/or remit the tax, such person shall remit an estimated amount of tax measured by the tax billed in the previous month or upon the payment pattern of the service user, which must be received by the Tax Administrator on or before the twentieth (20th) day of the following month, provided that such person shall submit an adjusted payment or request for credit, as appropriate, within sixty (60) days following each calendar quarter. The credit, if approved by the Tax Administrator, may be applied against any subsequent remittance that becomes due.

74-135 Gas users tax.

(a) There is imposed a tax upon every person using gas in the city, which is transported and delivered through a pipeline distribution system. The tax imposed by this section shall be at the rate of five percent (5%) of the charges made for such gas, including all services related to the storage, transportation and delivery of such gas. The tax shall be collected from the service user by the service supplier or non-utility service supplier, or its billing agent.

(b) As used in this section, the term "charges" shall apply to all services, components and items for gas service that are: i) necessary for or common to the receipt, use or enjoyment of gas service; or, ii) currently are or historically have been included in a single or bundled rate for gas service by a local distribution company to a class of retail customers. The term "charges" shall include, but is not limited to, the following charges:

(1) The commodity charges for purchased gas, or the cost of gas owned by the service user (including the actual costs attributed to drilling, production, lifting, storage, gathering, trunkline, pipeline, and other operating costs associated with the production and delivery of such gas), which is delivered through a gas pipeline distribution system;

(2) Gas transportation charges (including interstate charges to the extent not included in commodity charges);

(3) Storage charges; provided, however, that the service supplier shall not be required to apply the tax to any charges for gas storage services when the service supplier cannot, as a practical matter, determine the jurisdiction where such stored gas is ultimately used; but it shall be the obligation of the service user to self-collect the amount of tax not applied to any charge for gas storage by the service supplier and to remit the tax to the appropriate jurisdiction;

(4) Capacity or demand charges, late charges, service establishment or reestablishment charges, transition charges, customer charges, minimum charges, annual and monthly charges, and any other charges which are necessary for or common to the receipt, use or enjoyment of gas service; and

(5) Charges, fees, or surcharges for gas services or programs which are mandated by the California Public Utilities Commission or the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, whether or not such charges, fees, or surcharges appear on a bundled or line item basis on the customer billing.

(c) As used in this section, the term "charges" shall include the value of any other services, credits, property of every kind or nature, or other consideration provided by the service user in exchange for the gas or services related to the delivery of such gas.

(d) The Tax Administrator, from time to time, may survey the gas service suppliers to identify the various unbundled billing components of gas retail service that they commonly provide to residential and commercial/industrial customers in the city, and the charges therefor, including those items that are mandated by state or federal regulatory agencies as a condition of providing such gas service. The Tax Administrator, thereafter, may issue and disseminate to such gas service suppliers an administrative ruling identifying those components and items which are: i) necessary for or common to the receipt, use or enjoyment of gas service; or, ii) currently are or historically have been included in a single or bundled rate for gas service by a local distribution company to a class of retail customers. Charges for such components and items shall be subject to the tax of subsection (a) of this section.

(e) There shall be excluded from the calculation of the tax imposed in this section, charges made for gas which is to be resold and delivered through a pipeline distribution system.

(f) The tax on gas provided by self-production or by a non-utility service supplier not under the jurisdiction of this chapter shall be collected and remitted in the manner set forth in Section 74-136 of this chapter. All other taxes on charges for gas imposed by this section shall be collected from the service user by the gas service supplier or its billing agent. The amount of tax collected in one (1) month shall be remitted to the Tax Administrator, and must be received by the Tax Administrator, on or before the twentieth (20th) day of the following month; or, at the option of the person required to collect and/or remit the tax, such person shall remit an estimated amount of tax measured by the tax billed in the previous month or upon the payment pattern of the service user, which must be received by the Tax Administrator on or before the twentieth (20th) day of the following month, provided that such person shall submit an adjusted payment or request for credit, as appropriate, within sixty (60) days following each calendar quarter. The credit, if approved by the Tax Administrator, may be applied against any subsequent remittance that becomes due.

74-136 Collection of tax from service users receiving direct purchase of gas or electricity.

(a) Any service user subject to the tax imposed by Section 74-134 or by Section 74-135 of this chapter, which produces gas or electricity for self-use; which receives gas or electricity, including any related supplemental services, directly from a non-utility service supplier not under the jurisdiction of this chapter; or which, for any other reason, is not having the full tax collected and remitted by its service supplier, a non-utility service supplier, or its billing agent on the use of gas or electricity in the city, including any related supplemental services, shall report said fact to the Tax Administrator and shall remit the tax due directly to the Tax Administrator within thirty (30) days of such use. In lieu of paying said actual tax, the service user may, at its option, remit to the Tax Administrator within thirty (30) days of such use an estimated amount of tax measured by the tax billed in the previous month, or upon the payment pattern of similar customers of the service supplier using similar amounts of gas or electricity, provided that the service user shall submit an adjusted payment or request for credit, as appropriate, within sixty (60) days following each calendar quarter. The credit, if approved by the Tax Administrator, may be applied against any subsequent tax bill that becomes due.

(b) The Tax Administrator may require said service user to identify its non-utility service supplier and provide, subject to audit: invoices; books of account; or other satisfactory evidence documenting the quantity of gas or electricity used, including any related supplemental services, and the cost or price thereof. If the service user is unable to provide such satisfactory evidence, or if the administrative cost of calculating the tax in the opinion of the Tax Administrator is excessive, the Tax Administrator may determine the tax by applying the tax rate to the equivalent charges the service user would have incurred if the gas or electricity used, including any related supplemental services, had been provided by the service supplier that is the primary supplier of gas or electricity within the city. Rate schedules for this purpose shall be available from the city.

(c) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) of this section, electricity produced for self-use by solar electricity generation or co-generation (as defined in Public Utilities Code Section 218.5) shall be temporarily exempted from the tax imposed under this chapter. This temporary exemption shall automatically expire six (6) years from the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter without further action by the City Council or voter approval. The City Council shall review the exemption prior to its expiration and shall make a determination as to whether the exemption shall expire or shall be extended. The City Council may grant subsequent temporary exemptions by ordinance amendment.

74-137 Water users tax.

(a) There is imposed a tax upon every person in the city using water which is transported and delivered through a pipeline distribution system. The tax imposed by this section shall be at the rate of five percent (5%) of the charges made for such water and shall be collected from the service user by the water service supplier, or its billing agent.

(b) As used in this section, the term "charges" shall apply to all services, components and items that are: i) necessary for or common to the receipt, use or enjoyment of water service; or, ii) currently are or historically have been included in a single or bundled rate for water service by a local distribution company to a class of retail customers. The term "charges" shall include, but is not limited to, the following charges:

(1) Water commodity charges (potable and non-potable);

(2) Distribution or transmission charges;

(3) Metering charges;

(4) Customer charges, late charges, service establishment or reestablishment charges, franchise fees, franchise surcharges, annual and monthly charges, and other charges, fees and surcharges which are necessary for or common to the receipt, use or enjoyment of water service; and

(5) Charges, fees, or surcharges for water services or programs, which are mandated by a water district or a state or federal agency, whether or not such charges, fees, or surcharges appear on a bundled or line item basis on the customer billing.

(c) As used in this section, the term "charges" shall include the value of any other services, credits, property of every kind or nature, or other consideration provided by the service user in exchange for the water services.

(d) The Tax Administrator, from time to time, may survey the water service suppliers in the city to identify the various unbundled billing components of water retail service that they commonly provide to residential and commercial/industrial customers in the city, and the charges therefor, including those items that are mandated by a water district or a state or federal agency as a condition of providing such water service. The Tax Administrator, thereafter, may issue and disseminate to such water service suppliers an administrative ruling identifying those components and items which are: i) necessary for or common to the receipt, use or enjoyment of water service; or, ii) currently are or historically have been included in a single or bundled rate for water service by a local distribution company to a class of retail customers. Charges for such components and items shall be subject to the tax of subsection (a) of this section.

(e) There shall be excluded from the base on which the tax imposed in this section is computed charges made for water which is to be resold and delivered through a pipeline distribution system.

(f) The amount of tax collected in one (1) month shall be remitted to the Tax Administrator, and must be received by the Tax Administrator on or before the twentieth (20th) day of the following month; or, at the option of the person required to collect and/or remit the tax, such person shall remit an estimated amount of tax measured by the tax billed in the previous month or upon the payment pattern of the service user, which must be received by the Tax Administrator on or before the twentieth (20th) day of the following month, provided that such person shall submit an adjusted payment or request for credit, as appropriate, within sixty (60) days following each calendar quarter. The credit, if approved by the Tax Administrator, may be applied against any subsequent remittance that becomes due.

74-138 Sewer users tax.

(a) There is imposed a tax upon every person in the city using sewers within the city. The tax imposed by this section shall be at the rate of five percent (5%) of the charges made for such sewer use and shall be collected from the service user by the sewer service supplier, or its billing agent.

(b) As used in this section, the term "charges" shall apply to all services, components and items that are: i) necessary for or common to the receipt, use or enjoyment of sewer service; or, ii) currently are or historically have been included in a single or bundled rate for sewer service by a local distribution company to a class of retail customers. The term "charges" shall include, but is not limited to, the following charges:

(1) Sewer charges;

(2) Customer charges, late charges, service establishment or reestablishment charges, franchise fees, franchise surcharges, annual and monthly charges, and other charges, fees and surcharges which are necessary for or common to the receipt, use or enjoyment of sewer service; and

(3) Charges, fees, or surcharges for sewer services or programs, which are mandated by a sewer agency, district or a state or federal agency, whether or not such charges, fees, or surcharges appear on a bundled or line item basis on the customer billing.

(c) As used in this section, the term "charges" shall include the value of any other services, credits, property of every kind or nature, or other consideration provided by the service user in exchange for the sewer services.

(d) The Tax Administrator, from time to time, may survey the sewer service suppliers in the city to identify the various unbundled billing components of sewer retail service that they commonly provide to residential and commercial/industrial customers in the city, and the charges therefor, including those items that are mandated by a sewer agency or district or a state or federal agency as a condition of providing such sewer service. The Tax Administrator, thereafter, may issue and disseminate to such sewer service suppliers an administrative ruling identifying those components and items which are: i) necessary for or common to the receipt, use or enjoyment of sewer service; or, ii) currently are or historically have been included in a single or bundled rate for sewer service by a local distribution company to a class of retail customers. Charges for such components and items shall be subject to the tax of subsection (a) of this section.

(e) The amount of tax collected in one (1) month shall be remitted to the Tax Administrator, and must be received by the Tax Administrator on or before the twentieth (20th) day of the following month; or, at the option of the person required to collect and/or remit the tax, such person shall remit an estimated amount of tax measured by the tax billed in the previous month or upon the payment pattern of the service user, which must be received by the Tax Administrator on or before the twentieth (20th) day of the following month, provided that such person shall submit an adjusted payment or request for credit, as appropriate, within sixty (60) days following each calendar quarter. The credit, if approved by the Tax Administrator, may be applied against any subsequent remittance that becomes due.

74-139 Effect of commingling taxable items with non-taxable items.

Except as otherwise provided by applicable federal or state law, if any nontaxable charges are combined with and not separately stated from taxable service charges on the customer bill or invoice of a service supplier, the combined charge is subject to tax unless the service supplier identifies, by reasonable and verifiable standards, the portions of the combined charge that are nontaxable and taxable through the service supplier's books and records kept in the regular course of business, and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The service supplier has the burden of proving the proper apportionment of taxable and non-taxable charges.

74-140 Constitutional and statutory exemptions.

(a) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as imposing a tax upon:

(1) Any person or service when imposition of such tax upon that person or service would be in violation of a federal or state statute, the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the State of California; and

(2) The city; and

(3) Any service user who is the head of the household, a senior citizen as defined by this ordinance, and a member of a low income household ,as defined by this ordinance.

(b) Any person that is exempt from the tax imposed by this chapter pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall file an application with the Tax Administrator for an exemption; provided, however, this requirement shall not apply to a service user that is a state or federal agency or subdivision with a commonly recognized name. Said application shall be made upon a form approved by the Tax Administrator and shall state those facts, declared under penalty of perjury, which qualify the applicant for an exemption, and shall include the names of all utility service suppliers serving that service user. If deemed exempt by the Tax Administrator, such service user shall give the Tax Administrator timely written notice of any change in utility service suppliers so that the Tax Administrator can properly notify the new utility service supplier of the service user's tax exempt status. A service user that fails to comply with this section shall not be entitled to a refund of utility users' taxes collected and remitted to the Tax Administrator from such service user as a result of such non-compliance. Upon request of the Tax Administrator, a service supplier or non-utility service supplier, or its billing agent, shall provide a list of the names and addresses of those customers which, according to its billing records, are deemed exempt from the utility users' tax.

(c) The decision of the Tax Administrator may be appealed pursuant to Section 74-153 of this chapter. Filing an application with the Tax Administrator and appeal to the City Administrator pursuant to Section 74-153 of this chapter is a prerequisite to a suit thereon.

74-141 Accurate jurisdictional boundaries.

The city shall make available, upon request, an accurate description of its jurisdictional boundaries based on street addresses and/or ZIP Plus Four, in an electronic format. If a service supplier relies upon such information provided by city, it shall not be responsible for any errors in taxation that may result.

74-142 Substantial nexus/minimum contacts.

For purposes of imposing a tax or establishing a duty to collect and remit a tax under this chapter, "substantial nexus" and "minimum contacts" shall be construed broadly in favor of the imposition, collection and/or remittance of the utility users tax to the fullest extent permitted by state and federal law, and as it may change from time to time by judicial interpretation or by statutory enactment. Any communication service (including VoIP) used by a person with a service address in the city, which service is capable of terminating a call to another person on the general telephone network, shall be subject to a rebuttable presumption that "substantial nexus/minimum contacts" exists for purposes of imposing a tax, or establishing a duty to collect and remit a tax, under this chapter.

74-143 Temporary tax percentage reduction and reinstatement of tax percentage without election.

The City Council may, by resolution and upon a majority vote of the Council, temporarily reduce the tax percentage in Sections 74-134 through 74-137 for a period of no more than twelve (12) months. The Tax Administrator shall implement the temporary tax reduction by giving sixty (60) day written notice to all affected service suppliers as required by Public Utilities Code Section 799. At the end of the twelve (12) month period, the original tax percentage shall be automatically reinstated without further notice or action by the City Council.

In a resolution granting a temporary tax rebate or tax reduction, the City Council shall make the following finding: The temporary tax reduction shall not adversely affect the city's ability to meet its financial obligations as contemplated in its current or its proposed budget.

Nothing herein shall prohibit the City Council from adopting consecutive temporary tax percentage reductions, as provided herein.

As stated in Government Code Section 9611, the enactment of a temporary tax percentage reduction by the City Council shall not constitute a repeal of one (1) or more of the original provisions of this chapter. Upon the expiration of the time of the temporary tax percentage reduction, the original provisions of this chapter shall have the same force and effect as if the temporary tax percentage reduction had not been enacted. Nothing herein is intended to constitute a decrease in a tax, or an increase in a tax requiring election approval under California Constitution Article XIIIIC; and to the extent that any aspect of a temporary tax percentage reduction is found to invoke such a requirement, the entire temporary tax percentage reduction shall be deemed null and void ab initio, and there shall be no entitlement to such tax reduction for any service user.

74-144 Duty to collect and remit—Procedures.

The duty of service suppliers to collect and remit the taxes imposed by the provisions of this chapter shall be performed as follows:

(a) The tax shall be collected insofar as practicable at the same time as, and along with, the charges made in accordance with the regular billing practice of the service supplier. Where the amount paid by a service user to a service supplier is less than the full amount of the charge and tax which was accrued for the billing period, a proportionate share of both the charge and the tax shall be deemed to have been paid. In those cases where a service user has notified the service supplier of refusal to pay the tax imposed on said charges, Section 74-148 shall apply.

(b) The duty of a service supplier to collect the tax from a service user shall commence with the beginning of the first regular billing period applicable to the service user where all charges normally included in such regular billing are subject to the provisions of this chapter. Where a person receives more than one (1) billing, one (1) or more being for different periods than another, the duty to collect shall arise separately for each billing period.

74-145 Filing return and payment.

Each person required by this chapter to remit a tax shall file a return with the Tax Administrator or his or her designated agent, on forms approved by the Tax Administrator on or before the due date. The full amount of the tax owed shall be included with the return and filed with the Tax Administrator or his or her designated agent. The Tax Administrator is authorized to require such additional information as he or she deems necessary to determine if the tax is being levied, collected and remitted in accordance with this chapter. Returns are due immediately upon cessation of business for any reason. Pursuant to California Revenue and Tax Code Section 7284.6, the Tax Administrator, and its agents, shall maintain such filing returns as confidential information.

74-146 Collection penalties—Service suppliers or self-collectors.

(a) Taxes collected from a service user, or self-collected by a service user subject to Section 74-136 of this chapter, are delinquent if not received by the Tax Administrator on or before the due date. Should the due date occur on a weekend or legal holiday, the return must be received by the Tax Administrator on or before the first regular working day following the weekend or legal holiday. A direct deposit, including electronic fund transfers and other similar methods of electronically exchanging monies between financial accounts, made by a service supplier in satisfaction of its obligations under this subsection shall be considered timely if the transfer is initiated on or before the due date, and the transfer settles into the city's account on or before the following business day.

(b) If a service supplier, or a service user subject to Section 74-136 of this chapter, fails to remit any tax collected, on or before the due date, said person shall pay a penalty for such delinquencies at the rate of fifteen percent (15%) of the total tax that is delinquent in the remittance, and shall pay interest at the rate of three-quarters of one percent (3/4%) per month, or any fraction thereof, on the amount of the tax, exclusive of penalties, from the date on which the remittance first became delinquent, until paid.

(c) The Tax Administrator shall have the power to impose additional penalties upon persons required to collect and/or remit taxes pursuant to the provisions of this chapter for fraud or gross negligence in reporting or remitting at the rate of fifteen percent (15%) of the amount of the tax collected and/or required to be remitted, or as recomputed by the Tax Administrator.

(d) For collection purposes only, every penalty imposed and such interest that is accrued under the provisions of this section shall become a part of the tax herein required to be paid.

(e) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Tax Administrator may, in his or her discretion, modify the due dates and/or penalty and interest provisions of this chapter to be consistent with any uniform standards or procedures that are mutually agreed upon by UUT public agencies, or otherwise legally established, to create a UUT central payment location or mechanism.

74-147 Deficiency determination and assessment—Tax application errors.

(a) The Tax Administrator shall make a deficiency determination if he or she determines that any person required to collect or self-collect taxes pursuant to the provisions of this chapter has failed to collect and remit the proper amount of tax by improperly or failing to apply the tax to one (1) or more taxable services or charges.

(b) The Tax Administrator shall mail a notice of such deficiency determination to the person required to pay or remit the tax, which notice shall refer briefly to the amount of the taxes owed, plus interest at the rate of three-quarters of one percent (3/4%) per month, or any fraction thereof, on the amount of the tax from the date on which the tax should have been received by the city. Within fourteen (14) calendar days after the date of service of such notice, the person may request in writing to the Tax Administrator for a hearing on the matter. If the person fails to request a hearing within the prescribed time period, the amount of the deficiency determination shall become a final assessment, and shall immediately be due and owing to the city.

(c) If the person requests a hearing, the Tax Administrator shall cause the matter to be set for hearing, which shall be held within thirty (30) days after receipt of the written request for hearing. Notice of the time and place of the hearing shall be mailed by the Tax Administrator to such person at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the hearing, and, if the Tax Administrator desires said person to produce specific records at such hearing, such notice may designate the records requested to be produced.

(d) At the time fixed for the hearing, the Tax Administrator shall hear all relevant testimony and evidence, including that of any other interested parties. At the discretion of the Tax Administrator, the hearing may be continued from time to time for the purpose of allowing the presentation of additional evidence. Within a reasonable time following the conclusion of the hearing, the Tax Administrator shall issue a final assessment (or non-assessment), thereafter, by confirming, modifying or rejecting the original deficiency determination, and shall mail a copy of such final assessment to person owing

the tax. The decision of the Tax Administrator may be appealed pursuant to Section 74-153 of this chapter. Filing an application with the Tax Administrator and appeal to the City Manager pursuant to Section 74-153 of this chapter is a prerequisite to a suit thereon.

(e) Payment of the final assessment shall become delinquent if not received by the Tax Administrator on or before the thirtieth (30th) day following the date of receipt of the notice of final assessment. The penalty for delinquency shall be fifteen percent (15%) on the total amount of the assessment, along with interest at the rate of three-quarters of one percent (3/4%) per month, or any fraction thereof, on the amount of the tax, exclusive of penalties, from the date of delinquency, until paid. The applicable statute of limitations regarding a claim by the city seeking payment of a tax assessed under this section shall commence from the date of delinquency as provided in this subsection.

(f) All notices under this section may be sent by regular mail, postage prepaid, and shall be deemed received on the third calendar day following the date of mailing, as established by a proof of mailing.

74-148 Administrative remedy—Nonpaying service users.

(a) Whenever the Tax Administrator determines that a service user has deliberately withheld the amount of the tax owed by the service user from the amounts remitted to a person required to collect the tax, or whenever the Tax Administrator deems it in the best interest of the city, he or she may relieve such person of the obligation to collect the taxes due under this chapter from certain named service users for specific billing periods. Whenever the service user has failed to pay the amount of tax owed for a period of two (2) or more billing periods, the service supplier shall be relieved of the obligation to collect taxes due. The service supplier shall provide the city with the names and addresses of such service users and the amounts of taxes owed under the provisions of this chapter.

(b) In addition to the tax owed, the service user shall pay a delinquency penalty at the rate of fifteen percent (15%) of the total tax that is owed, and shall pay interest at the rate of three-quarters of one percent (3/4%) per month, or any fraction thereof, on the amount of the tax, exclusive of penalties, from the due date, until paid.

(c) The Tax Administrator shall notify the non-paying service user that the Tax Administrator has assumed the responsibility to collect the taxes due for the stated periods and demand payment of such taxes, including penalties and interest. The notice shall be served on the service user by personal delivery or by deposit of the notice in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the service user at the address to which billing was made by the person required to collect the tax; or, should the service user have a change of address, to his or her last known address.

(d) If the service user fails to remit the tax to the Tax Administrator within thirty (30) days from the date of the service of the notice upon him or her, the Tax Administrator may impose an additional penalty of fifteen percent (15%) of the amount of the total tax that is owed.

74-149 Actions to collect.

Any tax required to be paid by a service user under the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed a debt owed by the service user to the city. Any such tax collected from a service user which has not been remitted to the Tax Administrator shall be deemed a debt owed to the city by the person required to collect and remit and shall no longer be a debt of the service user. Any person owing money to the city under the provisions of this chapter shall be liable to an action brought in the name of the city for the recovery of such amount, including penalties and interest as provided for in this chapter, along with any collection costs incurred by the city as a result of the person's noncompliance with this chapter, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees. In the event that a service user or service supplier owing a tax under this chapter files bankruptcy, then such debt to the city shall be deemed an unsecured priority excise tax obligation under 11 U.S.C.A. Section 507(a)(8)(C).

74-150 Additional powers and duties of the tax administrator.

(a) The Tax Administrator shall have the power and duty, and is directed, to enforce each and all of the provisions of this chapter.

(b) The Tax Administrator may adopt administrative rules and regulations not inconsistent with provisions of this chapter for the purpose of interpreting, clarifying, carrying out and enforcing the payment, collection and remittance of the taxes herein imposed. A copy of such administrative rules and regulations shall be on file in the Tax Administrator's office.

(c) Upon a proper showing of good cause, the Tax Administrator may make administrative agreements, with appropriate conditions, to vary from the strict requirements of this chapter and thereby: (1) conform to the billing procedures of a particular service supplier (or service user subject to Section 74-136 of this chapter) so long as said agreements result in the collection of the tax in conformance with the general purpose and scope of this chapter; or, (2) to avoid a hardship where the administrative costs of collection and remittance greatly outweigh the tax benefit. A copy of each such agreement shall be on file in the Tax Administrator's office, and are voidable by the Tax Administrator or the city at any time.

(d) The Tax Administrator may conduct an audit, to ensure proper compliance with the requirements of this chapter, of any person required to collect and/or remit a tax pursuant to this chapter. The Tax Administrator shall notify said person of the initiation of an audit in writing. In the absence of fraud or other intentional misconduct, the audit period of review shall not exceed a period of three (3) years next preceding the date of receipt of the written notice by said person from the Tax Administrator. Upon completion of the audit, the Tax Administrator may make a deficiency determination pursuant to Section 74-147 of this chapter for all taxes, penalties and interest owed and not paid, as evidenced by information provided by such person to the Tax Administrator. If said person is unable or unwilling to provide sufficient records to enable the Tax Administrator to verify compliance with this chapter, the Tax Administrator is authorized to make a reasonable estimate of the deficiency and issue a deficiency determination assessment. Said deficiency determination assessment shall be entitled to a rebuttable presumption of correctness.

(e) Upon receipt of a written request of a taxpayer, and for good cause, the Tax Administrator may extend the time for filing any statement required pursuant to this chapter for a period of not to exceed forty-five (45) days, provided that the time for filing the required statement has not already passed when the request is received. No penalty for delinquent payment shall accrue by reason of such extension. Interest shall accrue during said extension at the rate of three-quarters of one percent (3/4%) per month, prorated for any portion thereof.

(f) The Tax Administrator shall determine the eligibility of any person who asserts a right to exemption from, or a refund of, the tax imposed by this chapter.

(g) The Tax Administrator, with the written approval of the City Attorney, may compromise a claim pursuant to this chapter where the portion of the claim proposed to be released is less than the amount set by separate resolution of the City Council relating to the settlement of general liability claims against the city and, with the approval of the City Attorney and the City Council, may compromise such a claim where the portion proposed to be released is equal to or greater than the amount set by separate resolution of the City Council relating to the settlement of general liability claims against the city.

(h) Notwithstanding any provision in this chapter to the contrary, the Tax Administrator may waive any penalty or interest imposed upon a person required to collect and/or remit for failure to collect the tax imposed by this chapter if the non-collection occurred in good faith. In determining whether the non-collection was in good faith, the Tax Administrator shall take into consideration industry practice or other precedence.

74-151 Records.

(a) It shall be the duty of every person required to collect and/or remit to the city any tax imposed by this chapter to keep and preserve, for a period of at least three (3) years, all records as may be necessary to determine the amount of such tax that such person may have been liable for the collection of and remittance to the Tax Administrator, which records the Tax Administrator shall have the right to inspect at a reasonable time.

(b) The city, through its City Council, may issue an administrative subpoena to compel a person to deliver, to the Tax Administrator, copies of all records deemed necessary by the Tax Administrator to establish compliance with this chapter, including the delivery of records in a common electronic format on readily available media if such records are kept electronically by the person in the usual and ordinary course of business. As an alternative to delivering the subpoenaed records to the Tax Administrator on or before the due date provided in the administrative subpoena, such person may provide access to such records outside the city on or before the due date, provided that such person shall reimburse the city for all reasonable travel expenses incurred by the city to inspect those records, including travel, lodging, meals, and other similar expenses, but excluding the normal salary or hourly wages of those persons designated by the city to conduct the inspection.

(c) The Tax Administrator is authorized to execute a non-disclosure agreement approved by the City Attorney to protect the confidentiality of customer information pursuant to California Revenue and Tax Code Sections 7284.6 and 7284.7. The Tax Administrator may request from a person providing transportation or distribution services of gas or electricity to service users within the city, a list of the names, billing and service addresses, quantities of gas or electricity delivered, and other pertinent information, of its transportation customers within the city pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 6354(e).

(d) If a service supplier uses a billing agent or billing aggregator to bill, collect, and/or remit the tax, the service supplier shall: (1) provide to the Tax Administrator the name, address and telephone number of each billing agent and billing aggregator currently authorized by the service supplier to bill, collect, and/or remit the tax to the city; and, (2) upon request of the Tax Administrator, deliver, or effect the delivery of, any information or records in the possession of such billing agent or billing aggregator that, in the opinion of the Tax Administrator, is necessary to verify the proper application, calculation, collection and/or remittance of such tax to the city.

(e) If any person subject to record-keeping under this section unreasonably denies the Tax Administrator, or the Tax Administrator's designated representative, access to such records, or fails to produce the information requested in an administrative subpoena within the time specified, the Tax Administrator may impose a penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500) on such person for each day following: i) the initial date that the person refuses to provide such access; or, ii) the due date for production of records as set forth in the administrative subpoena. This penalty shall be in addition to any other penalty imposed under this chapter.

74-152 Refunds.

(a) Whenever the amount of any tax has been overpaid, paid more than once, or has been erroneously or illegally collected or received by the Tax Administrator under this chapter, it may be refunded as provided in this section.

(b) The Tax Administrator may refund any tax that has been overpaid, paid more than once, or has been erroneously or illegally collected or received by the Tax Administrator under this chapter, provided that no refund shall be paid under the provisions of this section unless the claimant or his or her guardian, conservator, executor or administrator has submitted a written claim, under penalty of perjury, to the Tax Administrator within one (1) year of the overpayment or erroneous or illegal collection of said tax. Such claim must clearly establish claimant's right to the refund by written records showing entitlement thereto. Nothing herein shall permit the filing of a refund claim on behalf of a class or group of taxpayers. Where the amount of any individual refund claim is in excess of the amount set by separate resolution of the City Council relating to the settlement of general liability claims against the city, City Council approval shall be required.

(c) The Tax Administrator, or the City Council where the claim is in excess of the amount set by separate resolution of the City Council relating to the settlement of general liability claims against the city, shall act upon the refund claim within forty-five (45) days of the initial receipt of the refund claim. Said decision shall be final. If the Tax Administrator/City Council fails or refuses to act on a refund claim within the forty-five (45) day period, the claim

shall be deemed to have been rejected by the Tax Administrator/City Council on the forty-fifth (45th) day. The Tax Administrator shall give notice of the action in a form which substantially complies with that set forth in Government Code Section 913.

(d) The filing of a written claim is a prerequisite to any suit thereon. Any action brought against the city pursuant to this section shall be subject to the provisions of Government Code Sections 945.6 and 946.

(e) Notwithstanding the notice provisions of subsection (a) of this section, in the event that a service supplier, or a service user subject to Section 74-136 hereof, remits a tax to city in excess of the amount of tax imposed by this chapter, said service supplier, or service user subject to Section 74-136 hereof, may claim credit for such overpayment against the amount of tax which is due upon any other monthly returns to the Tax Administrator, provided such credit is claimed in a return dated no later than one (1) year from the date of overpayment of said tax. The Tax Administrator shall first determine the validity of the service user's claim of credit, and the underlying basis for such claim.

(f) Notwithstanding the notice provisions of subsection (a) of this section, a service supplier that has collected any amount of tax in excess of the amount of tax imposed by this chapter and actually due from a service user (whether due to overpayment or erroneous or illegal collection of said tax), may refund such amount to the service user, or credit to charges subsequently payable by the service user to the service supplier, and claim credit for such overpayment against the amount of tax which is due upon any other monthly returns to the Tax Administrator, provided such credit is claimed in a return dated no later than one (1) year from the date of overpayment or erroneous or illegal collection of said tax. The Tax Administrator shall first determine the validity of the service user's claim of credit, and the underlying basis for such claim.

74-153 Appeals.

(a) The provisions of this section apply to any decision (other than a decision relating to a refund pursuant to Section 74-152 of this chapter), deficiency determination, assessment, or administrative ruling of the Tax Administrator. Any person aggrieved by any decision (other than a decision relating to a refund pursuant to Section 74-152 of this chapter), deficiency determination, assessment, or administrative ruling of the Tax Administrator, shall be required to comply with the appeals procedure of this section. Compliance with this section shall be a prerequisite to a suit thereon. [See Government Code Section 935(b).] Nothing herein shall permit the filing of a claim or action on behalf of a class or group of taxpayers.

(b) If any person is aggrieved by any decision (other than a decision relating to a refund pursuant to Section 74-152 of this chapter), deficiency determination, assessment, or administrative ruling of the Tax Administrator; he or she may appeal to the City Manager by filing a notice of appeal with the City Clerk within fourteen (14) days of the date of the decision, deficiency determination, assessment, or administrative ruling of the Tax Administrator which aggrieved the service user or service supplier.

(c) The matter shall be set for hearing no more than thirty (30) days from the receipt of the appeal. The appellant shall be served with notice of the time and place of the hearing, as well as any relevant materials, at least five (5) calendar days prior to the hearing. The hearing may be continued from time to time upon mutual consent. At the time of the hearing, the appealing party, the Tax Administrator, the City Manager, and any other interested person may present such relevant evidence as he or she may have relating to the determination from which the appeal is taken.

(d) Based upon the submission of such evidence and the review of the city's files, the City Manager shall issue a written notice and order upholding, modifying or reversing the determination from which the appeal is taken. The notice shall be given within fourteen (14) days after the conclusion of the hearing and shall state the reasons for the decision. The notice shall specify that the decision is final and that any petition for judicial review shall be filed within ninety (90) days from the date of the decision in accordance with Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6. If the City Manager fails or refuses to act on a refund claim within the fourteen (14) day period, the claim shall be deemed to have been rejected by the City Manager on the fourteenth (14th) day.

(e) All notices under this section may be sent by regular mail, postage prepaid, and shall be deemed received on the third calendar day following the date of mailing, as established by a proof of mailing.

74-154 Independent audit of tax collection, exemption, remittance, and expenditure.

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.

74-155 No injunction/writ of mandate.

No injunction or writ of mandate or other legal or equitable process shall issue in any suit, action, or proceeding in any court against this city or against any officer of the city to prevent or enjoin the collection under this chapter of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected and/or remitted.

74-156 Remedies cumulative.

All remedies and penalties prescribed by this chapter or which are available under any other provision of law or equity, including but not limited to the California False Claims Act (Government Code Section 12650 et seq.) and the California Unfair Practices Act (Business and Professions Code Section 17070 et seq.), are cumulative. The use of one (1) or more remedies by the city shall not bar the use of any other remedy for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this chapter.

74-157 Notice of changes to ordinance.

If a tax under this chapter is added, repealed, increased, reduced, or the tax base is changed, the Tax Administrator shall follow the notice requirements of California Public Utilities Code Section 799. Prior to the effective date of the ordinance change, the service supplier shall provide the Tax Administrator with a copy of any written procedures describing the information that the service supplier needs to implement the ordinance change. If the service supplier fails to provide such written instructions, the Tax Administrator, or his or her agent, shall send, by first class mail, a copy of the ordinance change to all collectors and remitters of the city's utility users taxes according to the latest payment records of the Tax Administrator.

74-158 No tax increase unless approved by voters.

No tax under this chapter shall be increased unless approved by the voters.

74-159 Severability.

If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this chapter or any part thereof is for any reason held to be invalid, unlawful or unconstitutional, such decision, and the decision not to enforce such, shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this chapter or any part thereof. The City Council declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one (1) or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid, unlawful or unconstitutional.

74-160 Penalties.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, or an infraction at the discretion of the City Attorney, and upon conviction punished pursuant to this code.

74-161 Future amendment to cited statute.

Unless specifically provided otherwise, any reference to a state or federal statute in this chapter shall mean such statute as it may be amended from time to time.

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE “O”

This City Council-proposed measure authorizes the establishment of a 5% utility users tax in the City of Hemet (“City”) with the funds legally required to benefit Hemet. The measure requires an exemption from the tax for low income senior citizens, an annual financial audit, and prohibits an increase in the tax rate without voter approval. The resulting tax will be a general tax as provided under Article XIII C of the California Constitution and available for general city services and purposes.

A “yes” vote is a vote to adopt the utility users tax. If the measure passes, the utility users tax will be established, levied and administered by means of a city ordinance in the form introduced by the Hemet City Council on July 29, 2008 adding new Article V (“Utility Users Tax”) of Chapter 74 (“Taxation”). The tax will be levied on a communication, electricity, gas, water, and sewer (“utilities”) services provided to users of the services within the City except for electricity generated for self-use by solar power which will be temporarily exempted from the tax for 6 years, unless the exemption is extended by the City Council or the voters. Communication services include, but are not limited to, telephone, cellular phone, cable television, satellite television, and video-on-demand services.

Upon passage of the measure and adoption of the ordinance, utility users will be required to pay the tax to their utility provider, who will then remit the funds to the City of Hemet. Users who directly produce gas and electricity or purchase these services from a provider not under the City’s jurisdiction shall pay the tax to the City directly. The ordinance authorizes the City’s Finance Director to develop and enforce procedures to administer this law. Appeals of the Finance Director’s decisions may be made to the City Manager. The city may take legal action to enforce the law.

The ordinance exempts from paying the tax low income seniors, defined as persons 65 years of age or older qualifying as persons who are very low income or below as published annually in the State’s Official State Income Limits for Riverside County, and other persons or entities who are exempted by virtue of other laws. The maximum tax rate is 5% which cannot be raised by the City Council without submittal of the increase to the voters, but the tax rate may be temporarily reduced by City Council.

A “no” vote is a vote not to establish such a tax, which will result in the City not obtaining the revenue that the tax would provide.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of the Measure to Establish a 5 Percent Utility Users Tax Within the City of Hemet. The definition of each utility service and a description of how the tax is calculated and collected are more particularly described in the ordinance. If you desire a copy of the ordinance, please contact the City Clerk’s office at 445 E. Florida Ave., Hemet, CA 92543, phone number (951) 765-2307, and a copy will be sent at no cost to you. In addition, you can read the complete text of the ordinance on the City’s web site.

By: City Attorney

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE “O”

Restore and maintain YOUR essential city and public safety services – **Vote YES on “O”**.

Over the last two years Hemet has cut nearly \$5.5 million dollars from its budget, and the state’s fiscal crisis affects our local services. With a multi-billion dollar State budget deficit threatening funding to cities, Hemet again faces potential cuts and devastating impacts to community services. Unless we pass Measure “O”, deep cuts to public safety will be necessary.

YES on “O” ensures that ALL fire stations in Hemet will stay open.

YES on “O” maintains 911 emergency response times, retains emergency 9-1-1 dispatch operators, paramedics, police and firefighters, purchases bulletproof vests and other emergency equipment.

YES on “O” maintains funding for: anti-gang/anti-drug programs, special police units to combat gang turf wars over drug corners, and efforts to shut down crack houses and drug hot spots.

YES on “O” fights the gang members and drug dealers coming to Hemet from L.A. to commit crimes — and funds the prevention programs and enforcement so essential to our safety.

YES on “O” improves the ability of the city to respond quickly and effectively to a natural disaster such as a wildfire or earthquake and hires firefighters to fully staff the Fire Department.

YES on “O” ensures local control. By law, all funds raised will stay in Hemet, providing a guaranteed source of revenue that can’t be taken by Sacramento. Annual financial audits are legally required to ensure that funds are spent efficiently, effectively, and as promised. Low-income seniors are exempt from Yes on “O”.

By keeping our City safe and maintaining our services, Yes on “O” protects our property values and the local economy.

Please join Local Police Officers, Firefighters, and residents from all walks of life – **Vote YES on “O”**.

By: Richard Dana, Police Chief

Matt Shobert, Fire Chief

Robert Beckett, Pastor

Rick Crimeni, Business Owner

Dr. Phil Pendley, School Superintendent

NO ARGUMENT FILED AGAINST MEASURE “O”



Important Dates!

OCTOBER 6TH
FIRST DAY YOU CAN VOTE

OCTOBER 20TH
CLOSE OF REGISTRATION

OCTOBER 28TH
LAST DAY TO REQUEST A
VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT



NOVEMBER 4TH 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.

Frequently Asked Questions



Q — Who may vote?

A—U.S. citizens, 18 years or older, and who are registered to vote in Riverside County on or before the close of registration.

Q — My 18th birthday is after the close of registration but on or before Election Day. May I vote in this election?

A—Yes, if your birthday is on or before Election Day, but after the close of registration, you can register to vote on or before the close of registration and vote in this election even though you were not 18 at the time you registered to vote.

Q — If I was arrested or convicted of a crime may I still vote?

A—You can vote as long as you are not on parole or incarcerated for a felony conviction.

Q — I have just become a U.S. citizen. May I vote in this election?

A—If you became a U.S. citizen on or before the close of registration you may vote in the election, but you must register to vote by the close of registration.

Q — If I don't know what to do when I get to my polling place, is there someone there to help me?

A—Yes, the Election Officers at the polling place will help you.

Q — May I take my Sample Ballot or my own written list into the voting booth?

A—Yes. Making your selections before you get to the polls will expedite your time at the polls.

Q — May a worker at the polling place ask me to take any test?

A—No.

Q — Is there any way to vote besides going to the polling place on Election Day?

A—Yes, you can vote before Election Day if you:

OR

If you became a U.S. citizen after the close of registration, but on or before the 7 days before the election, you may register and vote at the Registrar of Voters' office with proof of citizenship and proof of Riverside County residency.

Q — I have moved within the county but have not re-registered. May I vote in this election?

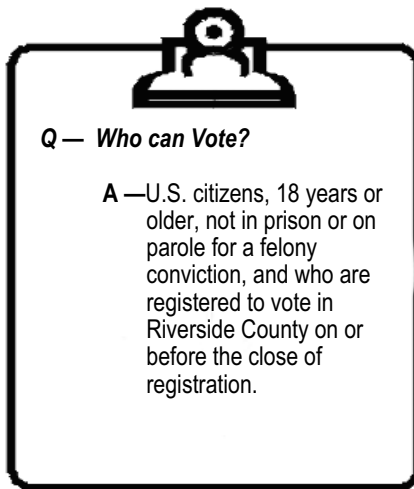
A—Yes, you may vote provisionally at the polling place assigned to your new address.

Q — When and where may I vote?

A—You may vote at the polls on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Your polling place is listed on the Sample Ballot and Information Pamphlet mailed to you. You may also find it on the Registrar of Voters website www.voteinfo.net or by calling 1-800-773-VOTE (8683).

Q — What do I do if my polling place is not open?

A—Check the label on the back of your Sample Ballot and Information Pamphlet to make sure you have gone to the right place. Polling places can change. If you are at the right place, call the Registrar of Voters' office at 1-800-773-VOTE to let us know that the polling place is not open.



Fill out and mail the Vote-by-Mail Ballot Application printed on the back cover of your Sample Ballot and Information Pamphlet. Within three days after we receive your request, a Vote-by-Mail ballot will be sent to you. Your request must be received by the Registrar of Voters no later than 7 days prior to the election.

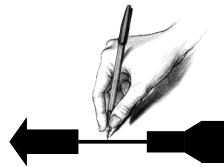
OR

Vote at the Registrar of Voters' office, October 6-November 3, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Election Day November 4, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Q — If I don't use an application form, may I get a Vote-by-Mail ballot some other way?

A—You may fax or send a written request to the Registrar of Voters. This request must include: the name of the election in which you wish to vote, your printed home address, the address where you want your ballot to be mailed, your birth date, your printed name and your signature. Your request must be received by the Registrar of Voters no later than 7 days prior to election day.

DRAW A LINE



VOTE DEMOCRACY

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

VOTE-BY-MAIL
October 6 thru October 28

VOTE-BY-MAIL.....



.....AT HOME, SCHOOL

OR ON VACATION.....



LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!
SAME OFFICIAL PAPER BALLOT, JUST AT YOUR CONVENIENCE.



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. You are hereby advised of your right to vote in the following alternate ways:

- 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.
- On Election Day outside the Polling Place. If you are unable to enter the polling place because of a physical disability, you may vote in a place that is as near as possible to the polling place and that is accessible to the physically disabled.
- Early Voting. You may vote at the Registrar of Voters' office located at 2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside, October 6 - November 3, 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 4, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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OR

VOTE EARLY

October 18 through October 26

At a location near you.

See page three for the hours and locations.

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

↓ **UBICACION DE SU URNA DE VOTACION** ↓



VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION

SOLICITUD PARA UNA BALOTA PARA VOTAR POR CORREO

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 28, 2008

APLICACION TIENE QUE SER RECIBIDA NO MAS TARDE DEL 28 DE OCTUBRE DE 2008

**BALLOT
TYPE 131**

I hereby request a ballot for the Consolidated General Election, November 4, 2008.

Por la presente solicito una balota para la Elección General Consolidada, 4 de noviembre de 2008.

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

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**
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SIGNATURE OF VOTER Firma de votar

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