

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

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IT'S EASY
IT'S CONVENIENT

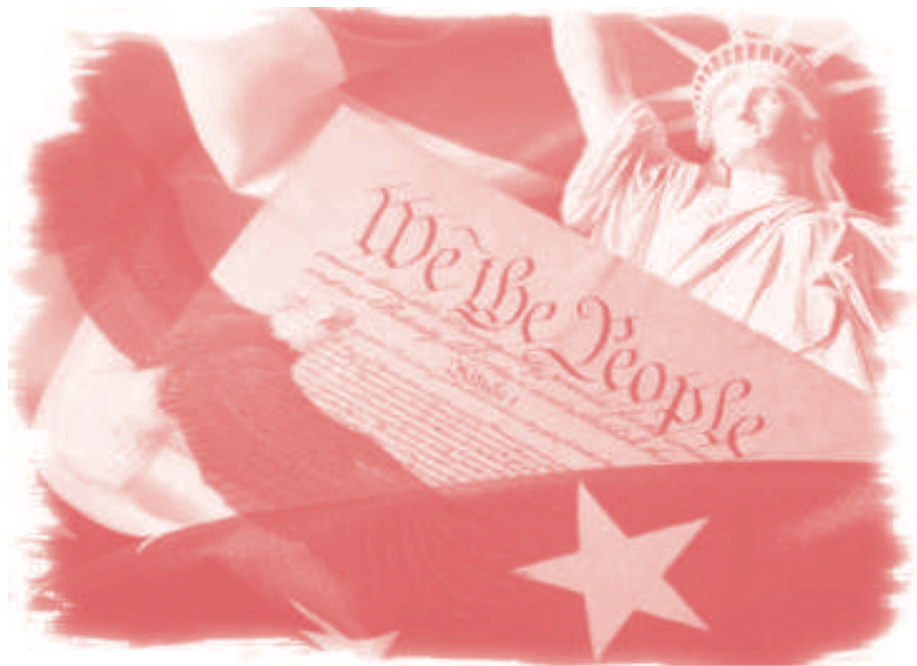
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ON ELECTION DAY!

VOTE -BY- MAIL

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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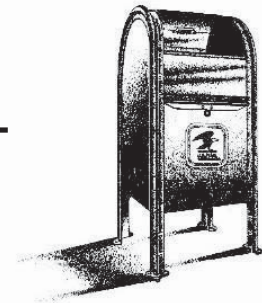
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Did You Know...

- 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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**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

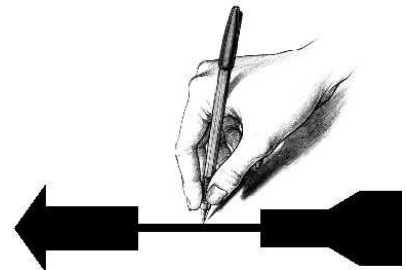
IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

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
WWW.VOTEINFO.NET
or
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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
Nuvview 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		RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT DISTRITO DE UNIVERSIDAD COMUNITARIA DE RIVERSIDE Governing Board Member Miembro Junta Gobernante		CITY OF MORENO VALLEY CIUDAD DE MORENO VALLEY	
BARACK OBAMA for President / por Presidente		Vote for no more than Two Vote por no más de Dos		City Council Member, Councilmanic District 3 Miembro del Consejo Municipal, Councilmanic Distrito 3	
JOE BIDEN for Vice President / por Vice Presidente		DELORISE ANDERSON Teacher Maestra		MIKE RIOS Investigator Investigador del Hurto de la Malversación	
BOB BARR for President / por Presidente		SAMUEL DAVIS Teacher / Educator Maestro / Educador		FRANK WEST Incumbent Titular	
WAYNE A. ROOT for Vice President / por Vice Presidente		WETTE FRANCIS Accountant Contadora		ROBIN HASTINGS Legislative Assistant / Educator Asistente Legislativo / Educador	
JOHN MCCAIN for President / por Presidente		LINNIE FRANK BAILEY Author Autor		RAY CARBAJAL Businessman / Accountant Empresario / Contador	
SARAH PALIN for Vice President / por Vice Presidente		MARY FIGUEROA Community College Trustee Síndico de Colegio de Comunidad		ROBERT BURKS Retired CHP Officer Oficial del CHP Jubilado	
CYNTHIA MCKINNEY for President / por Presidente		CASEY MICHAEL BOWEN Manager Gerente			
ROSA CLEMENTE for Vice President / por Vice Presidente		MARK A. TAKANO Teacher / College Trustee Maestro / Síndico de Colegio		DISTRICT DISTRITO	
ALAN KEYES for President / por Presidente		DARYL TERRELL Political Consultant Consultor Sobre Política		EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT DISTRITO DE AGUA MUNICIPAL DE EASTERN	
WILEY S. DRAKE, SR. for Vice President / por Vice Presidente				Director, Division 3 Director, División 3	
RALPH NADER for President / por Presidente				Vote for One Vote por Uno	
MATT GONZALEZ for Vice President / por Vice Presidente				RANDY RECORD Farmer Agricultor	

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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE REPRESENTANTE DE ESTADOS UNIDOS		VAL VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DISTRITO ESCOLAR UNIFICADO DE VAL VERDE		GWENDOLYN CROSS Business Owner / Administrator Propietaria de una Empresa / Administradora	
45th Congressional District Distrito Congresional No. 45		Governing Board Member Miembro Junta Gobernante		RUSS UTZ Small Business Owner Propietario de una Pequeña Empresa	
Vote for One Vote por Uno		Vote for no more than Two Vote por no más de Dos			
JULIE BORNSTEIN Nonprofit Housing Executive Ejecutiva de organización de viviendas sin fines de lucro		JO ANN S. MC ANLIS Incumbent Titular			
MARY BONO MACK Member of Congress Miembro del Congreso		RENONAH ONATE MC GEE Community Volunteer Voluntaria de la Comunidad			
		FREDY R. DE LEON Teacher / Educator Maestro / Educador			
STATE SENATOR SENADOR ESTATAL		STACEY L. GUZMAN Incumbent Titular			
37th Senatorial District Distrito Senatorial No. 37					
Vote for One Vote por Uno					
ARTHUR BRAVO GUERRERO Computer Systems Analyst Analista de sistemas de computación					
JOHN J. BENOIT California State Legislator Legislador del Estado de California					
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY MIEMBRO DE LA ASAMBLEA DEL ESTADO					
65th Assembly District Distrito de Asamblea No. 65					
Vote for One Vote por Uno					
PAUL COOK Assemblyman Asambleista					
CARL WOOD Energy Analyst / Educator Analista de energía / Educador					



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MEASURE(S) SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS
MEDIDA(S) SOMETIDAS A LOS VOTANTES

STATE / ESTADO

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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, y las 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,

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

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.

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LEY DE BONOS PARA HOSPITALES DE NIÑOS. PROGRAMA DE SUBSIDIOS. LEY POR INICIATIVA. Autoriza la emisión de bonos de responsabilidad general por un

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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.	YES SI NO NO
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 SI 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.	YES SI NO NO
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 SI 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.	YES SI NO NO
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 SI 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.	YES SI NO NO
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 SI 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 SÍ NO NO
CITY / CIUDAD	
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY / CIUDAD DE MORENO VALLEY	
P Reduction of Tax Rate and Modernization of Telecommunications and Video Users Tax – Shall the proposed ordinance be adopted to reduce the rate of Moreno Valley's existing utility users tax from 6% to 5.75% on all utility services (electricity, gas, telecommunication, video, water, and sewer) and modernize the telecommunications services definitions so that all telecommunications and video users are treated equally regardless of technology used while retaining existing exemptions for low-income residents? Reducción de Tasa de Impuesto y Modernización del Impuesto de Usuarios de Video y Telecomunicaciones – ¿Debería la propuesta ordenanza ser adoptada para reducir la tasa del existente impuesto al consumidor de servicios públicos de Moreno Valley del 6% al 5.75% en todos los servicios públicos (electricidad, gas, telecomunicación, video, agua, y alcantarillado) y modernizar las definiciones de los servicios de telecomunicación para que todos los usuarios de telecomunicaciones y video sean tratados equitativamente sin importar la tecnología usada mientras que retiene las exenciones existentes para los residentes de bajos ingresos?	YES SÍ NO NO

VOTER'S PAMPHLET INFORMATION SECTION

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- BALLOT MEASURES
- ANALYSES
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- TEXT OF MEASURE(S)

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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,
RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

MARY FIGUEROA

AGE: 52

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As RCC prepares for important changes and expansion amid challenging economic times, the Board needs experienced leaders equipped to make the right decisions.

In my role as Board President, I've seen firsthand how well we've served our communities by providing our diverse student population with accessible educational and occupational opportunities. Now more than ever, helping produce a skilled work force is vital to the health of our local economy.

A Riverside native, UC Riverside graduate and board member since 1995, I've long been proud of RCC's contributions. Others are taking note; *Community College Week* recently ranked us among the top 25 community colleges in the nation in four categories.

We are seeing evidence of our unlimited potential: Moreno Valley and Norco campuses will be accredited as independent colleges next year; we're erecting an \$85 million Nursing/Sciences Building, paid for by Measure C and state funds; and we're strengthening public-private partnerships.

My priorities will continue to be fiscal responsibility, and student access and opportunity, while bolstering RCC's regional role in economic and workforce development.

It's been my honor to work for our students and their future. Please support my efforts to make RCC the college system our community deserves.

www.maryfigueroa.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

MARK A. TAKANO

AGE: 47

OCCUPATION: Teacher and Riverside Community College Trustee

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Education: Harvard College, Bachelors in Government.

RCC is in good hands.

The District enters the current economic slow down with a strong financial position. While other districts must cut positions, RCC will serve students and workers who need classes and retraining. As the financial situation brightens, hiring more full-time will be a priority.

As the Board's senior member with 18 years experience, I will guide RCC towards implementing important projects such as the Riverside School for the Arts, Allied Health Sciences programs and the Ben Clark Academy in Moreno Valley, Phase II construction at Norco College, and a Hospitality and Culinary Academy in South Corona.

RCC's affordable programs in Nursing and Physician Assistance continue to provide high paying career opportunities. See www.marktakano.com for a link to an independent analysis of RCC's excellent U.S. Education Department rankings.

RCC will need experienced trustees as Norco and Moreno Valley Colleges apply for full independent accreditation and as the search continues for a permanent chancellor. I led the national search 17 years ago for the previous successful chancellor. I have the judgment and experience to guide the selection of the next one.

Ever honored to serve you, I ask for your vote again.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
VAL VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

RENONAH ONATE MCGEE

AGE: 39

OCCUPATION: Community Volunteer

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

With two children in our schools and as a long time resident of this district, I have a vested interest in the success of our schools and in the future of our community. My service in various community organizations has given me a knowledgeable perspective that will help me to make a valuable contribution as a school board member:

- PTO president, Lasselle Elementary School
- School Site Council, March Middle School
- VVUSD Budget Advisory Committee
- VVUSD Advisory Board for GATE
- Parent representative for the Traffic Safety Commision in Moreno Valley
- Co-Chair for the successful Measure J School Board Initiative
- Member of RTA Moreno Valley/Perris T-NOW
- Ad hoc committee for Moreno Valley Parks and Recreation
- Volunteer for Riverside Sheriff Department / MVPD

I am able to effectively work with parents, administrators and community leaders to create coherent and beneficial policies in school safety, fiscal responsibility and high stakes testing. As a member of the Val Verde Unified School Board, I promise to devote my efforts to the promising futures of all our students and help create the great community our children deserve. Vote Renonah McGee for Val Verde kids on Election Day! www.RenonahMcGee.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,
VAL VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

STACEY L. GUZMAN

AGE: 46

OCCUPATION: Incumbent

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am running for school board to ensure that our focus is on what is best for kids.

As an active board member serving over the last 9 years, our challenge was to successfully manage record student growth. We met this challenge by opening up 10 new schools and remodeling our existing schools. Throughout this rapid growth cycle we never compromised on the quality of our academic and extra curricular programs. In fact, all our schools posted large academic gains during my time on the board. Presently, the district continues to earn special recognitions and awards for both our academic and extra curricular achievements.

Our school board's current challenge is the state's recent fiscal crisis. Last year, I worked with teachers and staff to find adjustments that would minimally affect our students. Still, difficult cuts were necessary to people and programs that contributed to our district's success. I want to be re-elected to the board in part to ensure that once the budget crises is resolved, we as a board make the proper readjustments.

If re-elected, I will continue to make decisions based on accurate fact finding and active listening.

You can call me at (951) 943-7025 or guzboard@aol.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY, COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 3**

FRANK WEST **AGE: 58**

OCCUPATION: Moreno Valley City Councilman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Frank West is a member of the Moreno Valley City Council and represents District 3. He was elected in 1996 and re-elected in 2000 and 2004. He twice served as Mayor. Prior to the City Council, he was elected to the Moreno Valley School Board serving as President twice.

Frank graduated from Moreno Valley High School and the University of California, Riverside. He retired after 30 years as a Riverside County Probation Officer. Frank coached Youth Sports for 10 years and was Director of Diamond Girls Softball Association. He is married with four children.

As a Councilman, Frank serves on the Riverside County Transportation Committee, Metro-Link Board of Directors and the Mobile Source Reduction Committee. He has been instrumental in procuring millions of dollars for transportation improvements, including expanding the Metro-Link train to Moreno Valley and adding a car-pool lane to the 60 Freeway.

Frank's priorities include public safety, transportation and recreational activities for our children. He loves his work and after more than 30 years of public service, including 16 years as an elected official, is looking forward to more opportunities to contribute to his community.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY, COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 3**

ROBIN HASTINGS

OCCUPATION: Chief of Staff to Supervisor Marion Ashley

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Vote for Robin Hastings if you want more accountability and results from your city council.

I have three priorities for our city:

First, keeping Moreno Valley's neighborhoods and families safe from crime is the most important job of the City Council. Our schools must also be safe so our children have a good learning environment to prepare them for the future. Preventing and reducing crime throughout Moreno Valley will always be my top priority.

Second, I will cut wasteful spending and keep city taxes low.

Third: I will bring higher paying jobs to Moreno Valley so our residents spend more time at home with their families instead of wasting time commuting. Local jobs will save people money they currently spend on gas.

My husband and I have lived in Moreno Valley for 20 years. This is where we raised our family. Our children graduated from Moreno Valley's public schools.

I have seen the changes and unprecedented growth of Moreno Valley. I know the challenges we face as a city and how to address those challenges.

Now is the time for Moreno Valley to live up to its potential. Together we can do it.

Thank you for voting for Robin Hastings.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY, COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 3**

RAY CARBAJAL **AGE: 51**

OCCUPATION: Accountant

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

- Businessman, Accountant, Volunteer
Husband of 32 years, Father and Grandfather
Completing your Dream in Moreno Valley
Working for
- Safe Communities Public Safety
 - Creating Jobs Improving traffic conditions
Youth and Young Adult programs Arts /Restaurants / Retail

Served as Chief Financial Officer for numerous Southern California rapidly growing companies, such as Doc's Hi Tech Game Products (Designer manufacturer for Sega and Nintendo) and Talley Communications, a national electronics distributor.

Owner of C4 Entertainment, an Inland Empire sound and lighting company, and was also the owner of Troy's Communications and Troy's Video's Retailers from 1984-1994.

- Board Member of the Riverside County Chapter of the American Red Cross.
- Finance Chairperson for the California Republican National Hispanic Assembly.
- Captain of a Disaster Action Team with the American Red Cross.
- Member of the Emergency Response Force for the City of Moreno Valley
- Member of the Community Emergency Response Team for the City of Moreno Valley

Hobbies: enjoys sailing, kayaking, coaching basketball, training and teaching martial arts and cruising on his motorcycle
Leadership with integrity and a vision / Leadership with a proven track record

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY, COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 3**

ROBERT BURKS

OCCUPATION: Retired CHP Officer

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Robert Burks has a college degree in Business Administration.

Robert Burks is an individual with years of training and experience.

Robert Burks has very good analytical skills which are supported by his ability to solve complex and simple problems with very little outside assistance.

Robert Burks has been successful in communicating and working with a variety of governmental officials and individuals.

Robert Burks is willing to listen to the people of the community and take action to resolve the issues.

Robert Burks is willing to work with people of all ages and backgrounds.

Robert Burks has served this Country as a war Veteran during the Vietnam Conflict.

Robert Burks has served the State of California as a Highway Patrol Officer (retired).

Robert Burks has been a resident of Moreno Valley since 1985. Robert Burks supports the mission statement and goals of the City.

Robert Burks will work to ensure that Moreno Valley is a safe environment for people to live, work, and play.

Robert Burks has served his Country, State, and community, and now Robert Burks is ready, willing, and able to serve as Councilman of Moreno Valley.

Vote, Robert Burks, for City Council.

**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

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE "P"

LEGAL IMPACT

Background. The City has imposed a Utility Users Tax ("UUT") since 1991. The voters approved the UUT at a maximum rate of 6% in November of 1996. There are cross-references in the existing UUT to certain federal laws. Because of recent changes in those federal laws, some cellular telephone companies are challenging in court similar UUT ordinances in other cities. They claim that these federal changes should, in effect, remove the local UUT on most telephone calls. Also, new technologies for telephone and video services are evolving. These technologies didn't exist at the time the UUT was adopted and therefore were not included in the existing ordinance. As users move to the new technology, UUT revenue from telecommunications and video services will decline. Users who cannot, or do not choose to use the new technology will be taxed while others receiving the same service through newer technology will not.

Effect. In substance, Measure "P" would do the following:

- replace the existing telephone and video provisions of the UUT with new ones that would not be affected by changes in federal law and would apply equally to all telecommunication and video services regardless of the technology used.
- reduce the maximum rate of the tax from 6% to 5.75% on all taxed utility services (water, gas, electricity, telephone, cellular telephone, sewer, cable television and wireless pay television).
- clarify the City's UUT collection and appeals procedures.
- require annual outside expert audits to assure that the UUT has been properly collected and accounted for.

The existing exemption for low income residents would continue. Like the existing tax, the new tax would be a general tax, with all proceeds deposited into the City's General Fund. It requires a simple majority vote to pass.

A **"YES"** vote is a vote to adopt the new UUT ordinance to replace the existing UUT.

A **"NO"** vote is a vote to reject the new UUT ordinance and keep the existing UUT.

FISCAL IMPACT

The legal and technology issues could reduce the City's projected General Fund revenues by as much as \$5 Million per year. The General Fund pays for most of the City's police, fire, animal control, public works, community and economic development, financial and administrative services, and some library and parks and recreation services. Some or all of these services could be affected by the lost revenue. Measure "P" would prevent the loss of those revenues.

Measure "P's" decrease in the tax rate from 6% to 5.75% is designed to offset any increase in tax revenue from recapturing the revenue already lost because of new technologies that are not currently taxed. It is projected to result in a decrease of approximately \$170,000 in total UUT revenue to the City in the first year.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert D. Herrick
City Attorney

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure "P." If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the City Clerk's office at (951) 413-3001 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE "P"

Measure "P" will not increase taxes. It will:

- Lower the current utility user's tax (UUT) on all utility services by one-quarter percent (1/4%) from 6% to 5.75%;
- Modernize the City's UUT ordinance to treat all taxpayers who use telecommunications services fairly and equitably; and
- Remove the risk of the City losing nearly \$5 million in revenue that provides funding for vital City services.

In 2006 the IRS repealed the FET and directed all telephone companies to discontinue collecting the FET on long distance calls, including wired and wireless phones, voice over internet protocol (VoIP) and prepaid cards. The IRS ruling has now resulted in lawsuits against some city UUT ordinances claiming that the local taxes on those calls are no longer valid.

In addition to legal challenges to UUT ordinances, there are technological ones as well. Since 1996 when Moreno Valley voters approved the UUT ordinance, telecommunications services have changed dramatically. There is a vast array of telecommunications services being provided. Some are using private communications systems and the Internet protocol with high speed, broadband services, none of which are covered in the City's current UUT ordinance. As more people use new technology, UUT revenue will decline. Worse, people who can afford the new technology escape the UUT while those who must use the older technology are taxed. That's not fair.

The City cannot afford to lose \$5 million in tax revenue that is used for funding public safety and other vital services. Like many other California cities that have placed similar measures on the ballot and received overwhelming approval, it's time to fix our City's outdated UUT ordinance and treat all taxpayers equitably.

We urge your "YES" vote on Measure "P."

By: William H. Batey II,
Mayor

Frank West,
Mayor Pro Tem

Bonnie Flickinger,
Council Member

Richard A. Stewart,
Council Member

Charles R. White,
Council Member

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE "P"

Utility Taxes (UUT) are regressive taxes because they fall on life's necessities such as water, cooling, heating, lights, communication, etc.).

The UUT:

Adopted in 1991 a temporary tax with a 3-year sunset clause.

Special Election June 1996 to make tax permanent, Voters voted **NO**.

The utility tax was voted into law November 1996 after the City Council put it back onto the ballot this time with additional items to be taxed: cell phones, wireless pay television.

UUT revenues the city collects have grown over 100% since the 1991 inception.

The Council can **cut** this tax **any time** with **NO** ballot measure.

Under Proposition 218, Right to Vote on Taxes Act, a ballot measure **is necessary for tax increases**. Measure "P" is a tax increase on previously untaxed telecommunication services.

Our Council has budgeted **up to \$90,000** of our tax money to convince us to raise our taxes.

With fewer jobs being created, home foreclosures, mounting bills, higher gas prices, higher health care costs, climbing food costs, raising utility costs, residents falling behind on paying utilities, and skyrocketing debt, Moreno Valley taxpaying families need less taxation not more.

TO PREVENT A TAX INCREASE, VOTE NO ON MEASURE "P."

By: Marcia Amino, Homeowner

Ted T. Amino, Ret. Homeowner

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE "P"

Measure "P" is misleading to Moreno Valley Taxpayers. If the Utility User's Tax was only being reduced a ballot measure is unnecessary. The City Council wants to impose the UUT on heretofore-untaxed telecommunication services. Because Proposition 218 says no government may increase any general tax unless that tax is submitted to the voters and approved by a majority vote, Moreno Valley must put this measure on the ballot.

With the economic difficulties faced by families, at the very least, there should have been more than a token cut in this regressive tax. Using the carrot and stick method on we taxpayers is disingenuous and to disguise a tax increase on heretofore untaxed services.

The Utility User's Tax is a general tax and goes directly into Moreno Valley's General Fund. In 2006 the UUT collected \$13,812,000 and in 2007 \$15,463,000 was collected (City CAFR 2007). This City Council could have, without spending for a ballot measure, cut the UUT at any time during these past few years of unprecedented revenue growth, but they didn't.

Moreno Valley, like the rest of California governments is now in a revenue downturn. Unfortunately, the taxpayers and families of our City are also experiencing an economic squeeze: stagnant wages, fewer jobs, higher food prices, declining home values, higher gas prices, and higher utility rates.

Let's bring fiscal sanity to our local government, VOTE NO ON MEASURE "P."

Real tax reduction to reduce the tax burdens on our families and businesses is the way to bring economic growth and Measure "P" is not that.

By: Marcia Amino, Homeowner

Ted T. Amino, (Ret.)

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE "P"

Measure "P" reduces the Utility Users Tax from 6% to 5.75%. The City Council can reduce the Utility Users Tax; however, a ballot measure locks the reduction in and prevents the City Council from increasing it. In addition, Measure "P" will modernize the language to make the tax fairer to all those using similar services and utilities.

A **YES** vote for Measure "P" will reduce the Utility Users Tax. The argument against states a ballot measure is unnecessary. In order to make the reduction permanent and fair to all, Measure "P" is necessary. Once Measure "P" reduces the Utility Users Tax, the City Council cannot raise it without a vote of the people.

Vote YES on Measure "P."

By: William H. Batey II
Mayor

Frank West
Mayor Pro Tem

Bonnie Flickinger
Council Member

Richard A. Stewart
Council Member

Charles R. White
Council Member



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

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VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION

SOLICITUD PARA UNA BALOTA PARA VOTAR POR CORREO

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 28, 2008

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

**BALLOT
TYPE** **258**

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

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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**

SIGNATURE OF VOTER Firma de votar

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Marque esta caja para solicitar y ser un votante permanente de votar-por-correo.