

County of Riverside



Registrar of Voters

Consolidated Presidential General Election

*Tuesday, November 8, 2016
Sample Ballot and Information Pamphlet*

Polling Place Location
on Back Cover
Polls Open
November 8, 2016
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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Last Day To Register
To Vote
October 24, 2016
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Vote-By-Mail
October 11th - November 1st
Application on Back Cover

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Una traducción en Español de
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Riverside County
Registrar of Voters Office

See inside for additional locations and information



HELP KEEP VOTER ROLLS CURRENT

In an effort to maintain current voter rolls and to save taxpayer dollars, the Registrar of Voters will mail residency confirmation notices after the November 8, 2016 Consolidated Presidential General Election. The notification cards will be mailed to voters who have not voted in any election within the preceding four years, and his or her residence address, name or party affiliation had not been updated during that time.

**For more information visit www.voteinfo.net
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REBECCA SPENCER
Registrar of Voters



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Assistant Registrar of Voters

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

Dear Voter:

November 8, 2016 is Election Day. This Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet provides ballot marking instructions, polling place location, candidate information, and other important election details that you should review before you vote. You may mark your selections on your Sample Ballot and take it with you to the polls for easy reference.

You have several options for voting:

Vote-by-Mail – Voting by mail is convenient and easy. You will find an application to receive a Vote-by-Mail ballot on the back cover of this pamphlet. The deadline to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot is November 1. You have several options for returning your ballot:

- Mail your ballot in time to reach the Registrar of Voters Office by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, or be postmarked on or before Election Day and received no later than three days after Election Day to be counted.
- Return your ballot in person to the Registrar of Voters Office during regular business hours and until close of polls on Election Day. For your convenience the Registrar's office has a secure locked drop box at its entry for ballot drop off 24 hours a day.
- Deposit your ballot in one of the secure drop-off boxes available at designated City Clerks' Offices from October 11 through November 7. Please visit our website to view a map of ballot drop-off locations.
- Take your ballot to any Polling Place (before 8:00 p.m.) in Riverside County on Election Day.
- You may confirm that the Registrar of Voters Office has received your returned Vote-by-Mail ballot on our website at www.voteinfo.net.
- **Vote First, Count First!** Vote-by-Mail ballots received before Election Day are counted first. Return your ballot as soon as possible to ensure that it is included in the first Election Night results!

Early Voting – Vote at the Registrar of Voters Office beginning October 11 through November 7 (excluding Holidays), Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, October 29 and November 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Election Day, November 8, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Early voting will also be available at participating malls in Riverside County on October 28 through October 30. Please visit our website at www.voteinfo.net for additional early voting information.

Vote on Election Day November 8 – See the back cover of this Sample Ballot for your Polling Place location.

There is still time to volunteer to be a poll worker. We need Polling Officers to work at the polls on Election Day and we are eager to train you to assist voters with our proudest legacy – the right to vote.

The Registrar of Voters team is here to serve you. Please contact us anytime, so we can help make your voting experience a positive one. Thank you for participating in this election -- your vote counts!

Sincerely,



REBECCA SPENCER
Registrar of Voters

Be sure to follow the Registrar of Voters on
Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

Elections in California

The Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act requires that all candidates for a voter-nominated office be listed on the same ballot. Previously known as partisan offices, voter-nominated offices are state legislative offices, U.S. congressional offices, and state constitutional offices.

In both the open primary and general elections, you can vote for any candidate regardless of what party preference you indicated on your voter registration form. In the primary election, the two candidates receiving the most votes — regardless of party preference — move on to the general election. If a candidate receives a majority of the vote (50 percent + 1), a general election still must be held. Even if there are only two candidates for an office in the open primary, a general election for that office is still required.

California's open primary system does not apply to candidates running for U.S. President or local offices.

California law requires the following information to be printed in this pamphlet

Party-Nominated/Partisan Offices

Political parties may formally nominate candidates for party-nominated/partisan offices at the primary election. A nominated candidate will represent that party as its official candidate for the specific office at the general election and the ballot will reflect an official designation. The top vote-getter for each party at the primary election moves on to the general election. Parties also elect officers of county central committees at the primary election.

A voter can only vote in the primary election of the political party he or she has disclosed a preference for upon registering to vote. However, a political party may allow a person who has declined to disclose a party preference to vote in that party's primary election.

Voter-Nominated Offices

Political parties are not entitled to formally nominate candidates for voter-nominated offices at the primary election. A candidate nominated for a voter-nominated office at the primary election is the nominee of the people and not the official nominee of any party at the general election. A candidate for nomination to a voter-nominated office shall have his or her party preference, or lack of party preference, stated on the ballot, but the party preference designation is selected solely by the candidate and is shown for the information of the voters only. It does not mean the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party designated, or that there is an affiliation between the party and candidate, and no candidate nominated by the voters shall be deemed to be the officially nominated candidate of any political party. In this sample ballot booklet, parties may list the candidates for voter-nominated offices who have received the party's official endorsement.

Any voter may vote for any candidate for a voter-nominated office, if they meet the other qualifications required to vote for that office. The top two vote-getters at the primary election move on to the general election for the voter-nominated office even if both candidates have specified the same party preference designation. No party is entitled to have a candidate with its party preference designation move on to the general election, unless the candidate is one of the two highest vote-getters at the primary election.

Nonpartisan State Offices

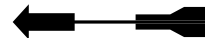
Political parties are not entitled to nominate candidates for nonpartisan offices at the primary election, and a candidate at the primary election is not the official nominee of any party for the specific office at the general election. A candidate for nomination to a nonpartisan office may not designate his or her party preference, or lack of party preference, on the ballot. The top two vote-getters at the primary election move on to the general election for the nonpartisan office.

HOW TO MARK YOUR PAPER BALLOT

Please refer to the following instructions on how to properly complete your Official Ballot:

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

**TO MARK YOUR VOTE
DRAW A LINE**



VOTE!!!

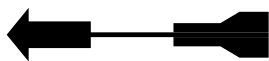
IMPORTANT NOTE!

If you are a Vote-by-Mail voter, you must fill out and sign your return envelope in order for your vote to be counted.

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT...MARK YOUR BALLOT CORRECTLY

EXAMPLE

CORRECT



INCORRECT



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

SAMPLE BALLOT / BOLETA DE MUESTRA

PARTY-NOMINATED OFFICES CARGOS NOMINADOS POR LOS PARTIDOS	VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES CARGOS NOMINADOS POR LOS VOTANTES	NONPARTISAN OFFICES CARGOS NO PARTIDARIOS
PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT PRESIDENTE Y VICEPRESIDENTE	UNITED STATES SENATOR SENADOR DE ESTADOS UNIDOS	CITY CIUDAD
HILLARY CLINTON for President por Presidente	KAMALA D. HARRIS Party Preference: Democratic Preferencia de Partido: Demócrata Attorney General of California Procuradora General de California	CITY OF PALM DESERT CIUDAD DE PALM DESERT
TIM KAINE for Vice President por Vicepresidente	LORETTA L. SANCHEZ Party Preference: Democratic Preferencia de Partido: Demócrata United States Congresswoman Congresista de Estados Unidos	City Council Member Miembro del Concejo Municipal
GLORIA ESTELA LA RIVA for President por Presidente	UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE REPRESENTANTE DE ESTADOS UNIDOS	KATHLEEN KELLY Businesswoman / Pastor Empresaria / Pastora
DENNIS J. BANKS for Vice President por Vicepresidente	36th Congressional District Distrito Congresional Núm. 36	SUSAN MARIE WEBER Councilmember / Accountant Miembro del Concejo / Contadora
DONALD J. TRUMP for President por Presidente	JEFF STONE Party Preference: Republican Preferencia de Partido: Republicano Pharmacist / California Senator Farmacéutico / Senador de California	GINA NESTANDE Businesswoman / Teacher Empresaria / Maestra
MICHAEL R. PENCE for Vice President por Vicepresidente	RAUL RUIZ Party Preference: Democratic Preferencia de Partido: Demócrata Congressman / Emergency Physician Congresista / Médico de Urgencias	VAN G. TANNER Incumbent Titular
GARY JOHNSON for President por Presidente	MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY MIEMBRO DE LA ASAMBLEA DEL ESTADO	JERRY D. MARTIN Businessman / Golf Professional Empresario / Profesional de Golf
BILL WELD for Vice President por Vicepresidente	42nd Assembly District Distrito de la Asamblea Núm. 42	
JILL STEIN for President por Presidente	CHAD MAYES Party Preference: Republican Preferencia de Partido: Republicano Member of the State Assembly Miembro de la Asamblea del Estado	
AJAMU BARAKA for Vice President por Vicepresidente	GREG RODRIGUEZ Party Preference: Democratic Preferencia de Partido: Demócrata Community Health Manager Gerente de Salud Comunitaria	
		DISTRICT DISTRITO
		COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT DISTRITO DE AGUA DE COACHELLA VALLEY

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SAMPLE BALLOT / BOLETA DE MUESTRA



(Card B 520)

Director, Division 2 Director, División 2	Vote for One Vote por Uno
JIM SCHMID Director of Operations Director de Operaciones	
SERGIO L. NUÑEZ Gas Chromatography Analyst Analista de Cromatografía de Gases	
ED PACK Incumbent Titular	
ANTHONY BIANCO Farmer Agricultor	

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SAMPLE BALLOT / BOLETA DE MUESTRA

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS / MEDIDAS SOMETIDAS A LOS VOTANTES

STATE / ESTADO

51

SCHOOL BONDS. FUNDING FOR K-12 SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Authorizes \$9 billion in general obligation bonds for new construction and modernization of K-12 public school facilities; charter schools and vocational education facilities; and California Community Colleges facilities. Fiscal Impact: State costs of about \$17.6 billion to pay off both the principal (\$9 billion) and interest (\$8.6 billion) on the bonds. Payments of about \$500 million per year for 35 years.

BONOS ESCOLARES. FINANCIAMIENTO PARA INSTALACIONES DE ESCUELAS K-12 Y COLEGIOS COMUNITARIOS. LEY POR INICIATIVA. Autoriza \$9 mil millones en bonos de obligación general para la nueva construcción y modernización de las instalaciones de escuelas públicas K-12, las instalaciones de escuelas autónomas subsidiadas por el gobierno y de educación vocacional, y las instalaciones de colegios comunitarios de California. Impacto fiscal: costos del estado de aproximadamente \$17.6 mil millones para liquidar tanto el capital (\$9 mil millones) como los intereses (\$8.6 mil millones) de los bonos. Pagos de aproximadamente \$500 millones al año durante 35 años.

YES / SÍ

NO / NO

52

MEDI-CAL HOSPITAL FEE PROGRAM. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Extends indefinitely an existing statute that imposes fees on hospitals to fund Medi-Cal health care services, care for uninsured patients, and children's health coverage. Fiscal Impact: Uncertain fiscal effect, ranging from relatively little impact to annual state General Fund savings of around \$1 billion and increased funding for public hospitals in the low hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

PROGRAMA DE TARIFAS HOSPITALARIAS DE MEDI-CAL. ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL Y LEY POR INICIATIVA. Extiende indefinidamente una ley existente que impone tarifas a los hospitales para financiar los servicios de atención médica de Medi-Cal, la atención para pacientes no asegurados y la cobertura de salud infantil. Impacto fiscal: consecuencia fiscal incierta, que oscila entre un impacto relativamente pequeño y ahorros anuales del Fondo General estatal de aproximadamente \$1 mil millones y mayor financiamiento para hospitales públicos en unos cientos de millones de dólares cada año.

YES / SÍ

NO / NO

53

REVENUE BONDS. STATEWIDE VOTER APPROVAL. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Requires statewide voter approval before any revenue bonds can be issued or sold by the state for certain projects if the bond amount exceeds \$2 billion. Fiscal Impact: State and local fiscal effects are unknown and would depend on which projects are affected by the measure and what actions government agencies and voters take in response to the measure's voting requirement.

BONOS DE INGRESO. APROBACIÓN DE LOS VOTANTES A NIVEL ESTATAL. ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL POR INICIATIVA. Requiere la aprobación de los votantes a nivel estatal antes de que el estado pueda emitir o vender cualquier bono de ingreso para ciertos proyectos, si el monto del bono excede \$2 mil millones. Impacto fiscal: se desconocen las consecuencias fiscales locales y estatales, y dependerían del proyecto al que afecte esta iniciativa de ley y de las acciones que tomen los organismos gubernamentales y los votantes en respuesta al requisito de voto de la iniciativa de ley.

YES / SÍ

NO / NO

54

LEGISLATURE. LEGISLATION AND PROCEEDINGS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Prohibits Legislature from passing any bill unless published on Internet for 72 hours before vote. Requires Legislature to record its proceedings and post on Internet. Authorizes use of recordings. Fiscal Impact: One-time costs of \$1 million to \$2 million and ongoing costs of about \$1 million annually to record legislative meetings and make videos of those meetings available on the Internet.

LEGISLATURA. LEGISLACIÓN Y PROCEDIMIENTOS. ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL Y LEY POR INICIATIVA. Prohíbe que la legislatura apruebe cualquier proyecto de ley a menos que se publique en Internet 72 horas antes del voto. Exige que la legislatura grabe sus procedimientos y los publique en Internet. Autoriza el uso de grabaciones. Impacto fiscal: costos únicos de \$1 millón a \$2 millones y costos continuos de aproximadamente \$1 millón al año para grabar las reuniones legislativas y publicar esos videos para que estén disponibles en Internet.

YES / SÍ

NO / NO

55

TAX EXTENSION TO FUND EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Extends by twelve years the temporary personal income tax increases enacted in 2012 on earnings over \$250,000, with revenues allocated to K-12 schools, California Community Colleges, and, in certain years, healthcare. Fiscal Impact: Increased state revenues—\$4 billion to \$9 billion annually from 2019-2030—depending on economy and stock market. Increased funding for schools, community colleges, health care for low-income people, budget reserves, and debt payments.

EXTENSIÓN DE IMPUESTOS PARA FINANCIAR LA EDUCACIÓN Y LA ATENCIÓN MÉDICA. ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL POR INICIATIVA. Extiende doce años el aumento temporal del impuesto sobre los ingresos personales promulgado en 2012 para los salarios mayores a \$250,000; los ingresos se asignarán a escuelas K-12, universidades comunitarias de California y, ciertos años, a la atención médica. Impacto fiscal: aumento del ingreso estatal, de \$4 mil millones a \$9 mil millones al año, de 2019 a 2030, dependiendo de la economía y del mercado de valores. Mayor financiamiento para escuelas, colegios comunitarios y atención médica para gente con bajos ingresos, reservas presupuestarias y pago de deudas.

YES / SÍ

NO / NO

56

CIGARETTE TAX TO FUND HEALTHCARE, TOBACCO USE PREVENTION, RESEARCH, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Increases cigarette tax by \$2.00 per pack, with equivalent increase on other tobacco products and electronic cigarettes containing nicotine. Fiscal Impact: Additional net state revenue of \$1 billion to \$1.4 billion in 2017-18, with potentially lower revenues in future years. Revenues would be used primarily to augment spending on health care for low-income Californians.

IMPUESTO A LOS CIGARROS PARA FINANCIAR LA ATENCIÓN MÉDICA, LA PREVENCIÓN DEL USO DE TABACO, LA INVESTIGACIÓN Y LA EJECUCIÓN DE LA LEY. ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL Y LEY POR INICIATIVA. Aumenta el impuesto a los cigarrillos en \$2.00 por cajetilla, con un aumento equivalente en otros productos de tabaco y cigarrillos electrónicos que contienen nicotina. Impacto fiscal: ingreso adicional neto estatal de \$1 mil millones a \$1.4 mil millones de 2017 a 2018, con ingresos potencialmente más bajos en años futuros. Los ingresos se usarán principalmente para aumentar el gasto en atención médica para los habitantes de bajos recursos de California.

YES / SÍ

NO / NO

57

CRIMINAL SENTENCES. PAROLE. JUVENILE CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS AND SENTENCING. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Allows parole consideration for nonviolent felons. Authorizes sentence credits for rehabilitation, good behavior, and education. Provides juvenile court judge decides whether juvenile will be prosecuted as adult. Fiscal Impact: Net state savings likely in the tens of millions of dollars annually, depending on implementation. Net county costs of likely a few million dollars annually.

SENTENCIAS PENALES. LIBERTAD CONDICIONAL. PROCESOS Y SENTENCIAS PENALES DE DELINCUENCIA DE MENORES. ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL Y LEY POR INICIATIVA. Permite la consideración de libertad condicional para criminales no violentos. Autoriza créditos de tiempo de sentencia por rehabilitación, buena conducta y educación. Otorga al juez del tribunal de menores la decisión de enjuiciar al menor como si fuera un adulto. Impacto fiscal: ahorros netos estatales que probablemente serán de decenas de millones de dólares cada año, dependiendo de la implementación. Costos netos del condado que probablemente serán de algunos millones de dólares al año.

YES / SÍ

NO / NO

58

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY. MULTILINGUAL EDUCATION. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Preserves requirement that public schools ensure students obtain English language proficiency. Requires school districts to solicit parent/community input in developing language acquisition programs. Requires instruction to ensure English acquisition as rapidly and effectively as possible. Authorizes school districts to establish dual-language immersion programs for both native and non-native English speakers. Fiscal Impact: No notable fiscal effect on school districts or state government.

DOMINIO DEL INGLÉS. EDUCACIÓN MULTILINGÜE. LEY POR INICIATIVA. Mantiene el requisito de que las escuelas públicas garanticen que los estudiantes dominen el idioma inglés. Exige que los distritos escolares soliciten la participación de los padres y de la comunidad para desarrollar programas de adquisición del idioma. Exige el adiestramiento para garantizar que la adquisición del inglés sea lo más rápida y eficiente posible. Autoriza a los distritos escolares a establecer programas bilingües de inmersión para hablantes nativos y no nativos del inglés. Impacto fiscal: no hay ningún efecto fiscal importante en los distritos escolares ni en el gobierno estatal.

YES / SÍ

NO / NO

59

CORPORATIONS. POLITICAL SPENDING. FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTIONS. LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY QUESTION. Asks whether California's elected officials should use their authority to propose and ratify an amendment to the federal Constitution overturning the United States Supreme Court decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*. *Citizens United* ruled that laws placing certain limits on political spending by corporations and unions are unconstitutional. Fiscal Impact: No direct fiscal effect on state or local governments.

Shall California's elected officials use all of their constitutional authority, including, but not limited to, proposing and ratifying one or more amendments to the United States Constitution, to overturn *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* (2010) 558 U.S. 310, and other applicable judicial precedents, to allow the full regulation or limitation of campaign contributions and spending, to ensure that all citizens, regardless of wealth, may express their views to one another, and to make clear that corporations should not have the same constitutional rights as human beings?

CORPORACIONES. GASTO POLÍTICO. PROTECCIONES CONSTITUCIONALES FEDERALES. PREGUNTA CONSULTIVA LEGISLATIVA. Pregunta si los funcionarios electos de California deberían usar su autoridad para proponer y ratificar una enmienda a la Constitución federal para anular la decisión de la Corte Suprema de Estados Unidos sobre *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*. *Citizens United* dictaminó que las leyes que limitan de cierta manera el gasto político de las corporaciones y los sindicatos son anticonstitucionales. Impacto fiscal: no hay ningún efecto fiscal directo sobre los gobiernos estatal o locales.

¿Usarán los funcionarios electos de California toda su autoridad constitucional, incluidos, entre otros, proponer y ratificar una o más enmiendas a la Constitución de Estados Unidos para anular el caso 558 U.S. 310 de *Citizens United* vs. Comisión Federal Electoral (Federal Election Commission) (2010) y otros precedentes judiciales aplicables para permitir la total regulación o limitación de contribuciones de campaña y gastos, para asegurar que todos los ciudadanos, independientemente del nivel de riqueza, puedan expresar sus opiniones los unos a los otros y dejar claro que las corporaciones no deberían de tener los mismos derechos constitucionales que los seres humanos?

YES / SÍ

NO / NO

60

ADULT FILMS. CONDOMS. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Requires adult film performers to use condoms during filming of sexual intercourse. Requires producers to pay for performer vaccinations, testing, and medical examinations. Requires producers to post condom requirement at film sites. Fiscal Impact: Likely reduction of state and local tax revenues of several million dollars annually. Increased state spending that could exceed \$1 million annually on regulation, partially offset by new fees.

PELÍCULAS PARA ADULTOS. CONDOMES. REQUISITOS DE SALUD. LEY POR INICIATIVA. Exige que los actores de películas para adultos usen condones durante la filmación de las relaciones sexuales. Exige que los productores paguen las vacunas, las pruebas y los exámenes médicos de los actores. Exige que los productores anuncien en las locaciones de las películas el requisito del uso del condón. Impacto fiscal: probable reducción de varios millones de dólares en la recaudación tributaria local y estatal al año. Mayor gasto estatal que podría exceder \$1 millón al año en reglamentación, compensado parcialmente con nuevas tarifas.

YES / SÍ

NO / NO

61

STATE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PURCHASES. PRICING STANDARDS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Prohibits state from buying any prescription drug from a drug manufacturer at price over lowest price paid for the drug by United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Exempts managed care programs funded through Medi-Cal. Fiscal Impact: Potential for state savings of an unknown amount depending on (1) how the measure's implementation challenges are addressed and (2) the responses of drug manufacturers regarding the provision and pricing of their drugs.

COMPRAS ESTATALES DE MEDICINAS RECETADAS. ESTÁNDARES DE TARIFICACIÓN. LEY POR INICIATIVA. Prohibe al estado comprar medicinas recetadas a un fabricante de medicinas a un precio mayor que el precio más bajo que el Departamento de Asuntos de Veteranos de Estados Unidos paga por el medicamento. Excluye los programas de atención administrada financiados por medio de Medi-Cal. Impacto fiscal: posibles ahorros estatales de un monto desconocido, dependiendo de (1) cómo se procesen las impugnaciones de implementación de la iniciativa de ley y de (2) las respuestas de los fabricantes de medicinas respecto a la disposición y el precio de sus medicinas.

YES / SÍ

NO / NO



MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS / MEDIDAS SOMETIDAS A LOS VOTANTES	
STATE / ESTADO	
62 DEATH PENALTY. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Repeals death penalty and replaces it with life imprisonment without possibility of parole. Applies retroactively to existing death sentences. Increases the portion of life inmates' wages that may be applied to victim restitution. Fiscal Impact: Net ongoing reduction in state and county criminal justice costs of around \$150 million annually within a few years, although the impact could vary by tens of millions of dollars depending on various factors. PENA DE MUERTE. LEY POR INICIATIVA. Deroga la pena de muerte y la reemplaza por cadena perpetua sin posibilidad de libertad condicional. Se aplica de manera retroactiva a las sentencias de muerte existentes. Aumenta la porción de sueldos de manutención de los presos que se pueden aplicar a la indemnización de la víctima. Impacto fiscal: reducción neta continua de los costos de justicia penal estatal y de los condados de aproximadamente \$150 millones anuales en unos cuantos años, aunque el impacto podría variar en decenas de millones de dólares, dependiendo de varios factores.	YES / SÍ NO / NO
63 FIREARMS. AMMUNITION SALES. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Requires background check and Department of Justice authorization to purchase ammunition. Prohibits possession of large-capacity ammunition magazines. Establishes procedures for enforcing laws prohibiting firearm possession by specified persons. Requires Department of Justice's participation in federal National Instant Criminal Background Check System. Fiscal Impact: Increased state and local court and law enforcement costs, potentially in the tens of millions of dollars annually, related to a new court process for removing firearms from prohibited persons after they are convicted. ARMAS DE FUEGO. VENTA DE MUNICIONES. LEY POR INICIATIVA. Exige una verificación de antecedentes penales y la autorización del Departamento de Justicia para comprar municiones. Prohíbe la posesión de cargadores de municiones de gran capacidad. Establece procedimientos para hacer cumplir las leyes que prohíben que personas específicas posean armas de fuego. Exige la participación del Departamento de Justicia en el Sistema Nacional de Verificación Instantánea de Antecedentes Penales. Impacto fiscal: mayores costos de los tribunales estatal y locales, y de ejecución de la ley, probablemente en decenas de millones de dólares al año, relacionados con nuevos procesos judiciales para retirar las armas de fuego a personas denegadas después de ser condenadas.	YES / SÍ NO / NO
64 MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Legalizes marijuana under state law, for use by adults 21 or older. Imposes state taxes on sales and cultivation. Provides for industry licensing and establishes standards for marijuana products. Allows local regulation and taxation. Fiscal Impact: Additional tax revenues ranging from high hundreds of millions of dollars to over \$1 billion annually, mostly dedicated to specific purposes. Reduced criminal justice costs of tens of millions of dollars annually. LEGALIZACIÓN DE LA MARIJUANA. LEY POR INICIATIVA. Legaliza la marihuana según la ley estatal, para ser usada por adultos de 21 años o mayores. Impone impuestos estatales sobre la venta y el cultivo. Estipula la autorización industrial y establece los estándares para los productos de marihuana. Permite la reglamentación y fiscalidad local. Impacto fiscal: recaudación tributaria adicional que oscila entre varios cientos de millones de dólares y más de \$1 mil millones al año, principalmente dedicados para fines específicos. Reducción de costos de justicia penal en decenas de millones de dólares al año.	YES / SÍ NO / NO
65 CARRYOUT BAGS. CHARGES. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Redirects money collected by grocery and certain other retail stores through mandated sale of carryout bags. Requires stores to deposit bag sale proceeds into a special fund to support specified environmental projects. Fiscal Impact: Potential state revenue of several tens of millions of dollars annually under certain circumstances, with the monies used to support certain environmental programs. BOLSAS PARA LLEVAR. CARGOS. LEY POR INICIATIVA. Redirige el dinero recolectado por las tiendas de abarrotes y ciertos comercios minoristas a través de la venta por mandato de bolsas para llevar. Exige que las tiendas depositen los ingresos de la venta de bolsas en un fondo especial para apoyar proyectos ecológicos específicos. Impacto fiscal: ingresos estatales potenciales de varias decenas de millones de dólares al año bajo ciertas circunstancias; el dinero se usará para apoyar ciertos programas ecológicos.	YES / SÍ NO / NO
66 DEATH PENALTY. PROCEDURES. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Changes procedures governing state court challenges to death sentences. Designates superior court for initial petitions and limits successive petitions. Requires appointed attorneys who take noncapital appeals to accept death penalty appeals. Exempts prison officials from existing regulation process for developing execution methods. Fiscal Impact: Unknown ongoing impact on state court costs for processing legal challenges to death sentences. Potential prison savings in the tens of millions of dollars annually. PENA DE MUERTE. PROCEDIMIENTOS. LEY POR INICIATIVA. Cambia los procedimientos que rigen las impugnaciones de los tribunales estatales sobre la pena de muerte. Designa a la corte superior para las peticiones iniciales y limita las peticiones sucesivas. Exige que los abogados designados que toman apelaciones no punibles de pena capital, acepten apelaciones de pena de muerte. Exenta a funcionarios penitenciarios de los procesos de reglamentación existentes para desarrollar métodos de ejecución. Impacto fiscal: impacto continuo desconocido en los costos de tribunales estatales por el procesamiento de impugnaciones legales en penas de muerte. Ahorros potenciales de prisión de decenas de millones de dólares al año.	YES / SÍ NO / NO
67 BAN ON SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS. REFERENDUM. A "yes" vote approves, and a "No" vote rejects, a statute that prohibits grocery and other stores from providing customers single-use plastic or paper carryout bags but permits sale of recycled paper bags and reusable bags. Fiscal Impact: Relatively small fiscal effects on state and local governments, including a minor increase in state administrative costs and possible minor local government savings from reduced litter and waste management costs. PROHIBICIÓN DE BOLSAS DE PLÁSTICO DE USO ÚNICO. REFERENDO. Un voto "Sí" aprueba y un voto "No" rechaza un estatuto que prohíbe que las tiendas de abarrotes y otras tiendas ofrezcan a los clientes bolsas de papel o de plástico de uso único para llevar, pero permite la venta de bolsas de papel reciclado y de bolsas reutilizables. Impacto fiscal: impactos fiscales relativamente bajos en los gobiernos estatal y locales, incluido un aumento menor en los costos administrativos estatales y posibles ahorros menores del gobierno local debido a la reducción en los costos de gestión de basura y desechos.	YES / SÍ NO / NO



SCHOOL / ESCOLAR	
DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT / DISTRITO DE UNIVERSIDAD COMUNITARIA DE DESERT	
CC For College of the Desert to modernize career training facilities for nursing, public safety, science, technology, engineering and other in-demand jobs that prepare students for success in college/careers; repair/construct/acquire classrooms, facilities, sites and equipment throughout Coachella Valley; improve the Veteran's Center to provide counseling/training/job placement for returning veterans, shall Desert Community College District issue \$577,860,000 in bonds at legal rates, with independent citizen oversight, no money for administrators and all money locally-controlled? ¿Debería el Distrito de Universidad Comunitaria de Desert autorizar \$577,860,000 en bonos a tasas legales, con supervisión independiente de los ciudadanos, sin distribuir dinero a los administradores y con control local de todo el dinero para que College of the Desert modernice sus instalaciones de entrenamiento profesional para enfermería, seguridad pública, ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería y otros empleos en demanda que preparan a los estudiantes para que triunfen en la universidad/sus carreras profesionales; reparar/constructir/adquirir salones de clase, facilidades, sitios y equipo por todo el Valle de Coachella; para mejorar el Centro de Veteranos para que ofrezca asesoramiento/entrenamiento/colocación laboral para los veteranos que han terminado su servicio?	BONDS YES / BONOS SÍ BONDS NO / BONOS NO
CITY / CIUDAD	
CITY OF PALM DESERT / CIUDAD DE PALM DESERT	
T PALM DESERT COMMUNITY SAFETY, VITAL SERVICES AND FISCAL STABILITY MEASURE. To maintain 9-1-1 emergency medical/police/fire response; Palm Desert's long-term financial stability; neighborhood policing/crime prevention; water conservation; street repairs and other vital services, shall an ordinance increasing Palm Desert's short-term general rental tax from 9% to 11%, paid only by hotel guests/short-term renters, generating approximately \$2,200,000 annually until ended by voters, requiring independent audits, public oversight, and local control of funds be adopted? MEDIDA DE SEGURIDAD COMUNITARIA, SERVICIOS VITALES Y ESTABILIDAD FISCAL DE PALM DESERT. ¿Se debería adoptar una ordenanza que aumente el impuesto al alquiler general a corto plazo de Palm Desert de 9% a 11%, con el objetivo de mantener el servicio 9-1-1 de respuesta de emergencias médicas, de policías, de bomberos; la estabilidad financiera de Palm Desert a largo plazo; la vigilancia de los vecindarios/la prevención de delitos; la conservación del agua; las reparaciones de calles y otros servicios vitales que solo pagan los huéspedes de hoteles y los inquilinos a corto plazo y que genera aproximadamente \$2,200,000 anualmente y el aumento se mantendría hasta su cancelación por parte de los votantes y requeriría auditorías independientes, supervisión pública y control local de los fondos?	YES / SÍ NO / NO

VOTER'S PAMPHLET INFORMATION SECTION

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

- **CANDIDATE STATEMENTS**
- **BALLOT MEASURES**
- **ANALYSES**
- **ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT & IN OPPOSITION**

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Among all state legislative candidates appearing on ballots in Riverside County, the following persons have pledged to abide by campaign spending limits as specified in the California Government Code. Candidates agreeing to the limits have the opportunity to publish a statement of qualifications in the local Sample Ballot Pamphlet. Not all districts will appear on your ballot.

STATE SENATE, 23rd DISTRICT

Ronald J. O'Donnell, Democratic
Mike Morrell, Republican

STATE ASSEMBLY, 56th DISTRICT

Eduardo Garcia, Democratic

STATE ASSEMBLY, 67th DISTRICT

Jorge Lopez, Democratic
Melissa Melendez, Republican

STATE SENATE, 31st DISTRICT

Richard Reed, Republican

STATE ASSEMBLY, 60th DISTRICT

Sabrina Cervantes, Democratic

STATE ASSEMBLY, 71st DISTRICT

Randy Voepel, Republican
Leo Hamel, Republican

STATE ASSEMBLY, 42nd DISTRICT

Chad Mayes, Republican
Greg Rodriguez, Democratic

STATE ASSEMBLY, 61st DISTRICT

Hector Diaz, Republican
Jose Medina, Democratic

STATE ASSEMBLY, 75th DISTRICT

Marie Waldron, Republican

Party Endorsements – Elections Code § 13302(b)

The County Elections Official shall print a list of all candidates for Voter-Nominated Offices that are endorsed by the following qualified political parties:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Kamala D. Harris, United States Senator
Raul Ruiz, United States Representative, 36th District
Mark Takano, United States Representative, 41st District
Tim Sheridan, United States Representative, 42nd District
Patrick Malloy, United States Representative, 50th District
Richard Roth, State Senator, 31st District
Greg Rodriguez, Member of the State Assembly, 42nd District
Eduardo Garcia, Member of the State Assembly, 56th District
Sabrina Cervantes, Member of the State Assembly, 60th District
Jose Medina, Member of the State Assembly, 61st District
Jorge Lopez, Member of the State Assembly, 67th District
Andrew Masiel Sr., Member of the State Assembly, 75th District

REPUBLICAN PARTY

Jeff Stone, United States Representative, 36th District
Doug Shepherd, United States Representative, 41st District
Ken Calvert, United States Representative, 42nd District
Duncan Hunter, United States Representative, 50th District
Mike Morrell, State Senator, 23rd District
Richard Reed, State Senator, 31st District
Chad Mayes, Member of the State Assembly, 42nd District
Eric F. Linder, Member of the State Assembly, 60th District
Hector Diaz, Member of the State Assembly, 61st District
Melissa Melendez, Member of the State Assembly, 67th District
Marie Waldron, Member of the State Assembly, 75th District

AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY

Ken Calvert, United States Representative, 42nd District
Duncan Hunter, United States Representative, 50th District
Mike Morrell, State Senator, 23rd District
Chad Mayes, Member of the State Assembly, 42nd District
Eric F. Linder, Member of the State Assembly, 60th District
Melissa Melendez, Member of the State Assembly, 67th District

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,
36TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

JEFF STONE, Republican

OCCUPATION: Pharmacist / California Senator

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Washington is broken and Congress must share the blame. The \$20 trillion debt; the expanding threat of ISIS and Islamist terrorism; the failed healthcare system; the constant calls for high taxes - these problems are all products of politicians who have failed their oath of office, failed their country and us.

We can't expect change unless we're willing to vote for leaders committed to doing what's right, even when it means shaking up the status quo. I am running for Congress to do exactly that and give you the representation you deserve.

As your new representative in Congress, I will work to:

- Grow our economy to create good paying jobs; reduce regulations and protect American business and American workers.
- Repeal dangerous "deals" with countries like Iran that sponsor terrorism, murder members of the LBGT community and seek to destroy our friend Israel.
- Stop government from interfering too much in our lives and businesses.
- Increase and improve services for Veterans, military personnel and their families.
- Stop tax increases - you already pay too much - and balance the budget by cutting waste and bureaucracy.

I am a husband, father, grandfather pharmacist, small business owner and citizen-Senator. I am dedicated to keeping our nation safe, protecting your constitutional rights and improving our economy.

I'm proud to be endorsed by the Riverside Sheriffs Association, District Attorney Mike Hestrin, Riverside County Treasurer Don Kent, four County Supervisors and more than 70 elected public servants. I would be honored to receive your vote.
Thank you.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE,
36TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

RAUL RUIZ M.D., Democratic

OCCUPATION: Congressman, Emergency Physician

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am not a career politician, and never will be. I'm an emergency physician who ran for office to serve people in our communities, just like I have for my entire adult life.

As a doctor, I'm trained to put people first:

I REPEATEDLY SUPPORTED STRENGTHENING OUR FIGHT AGAINST TERROR: I strongly oppose allowing Iran to develop nuclear weapons, and I supported tougher sanctions against Iran if they test new missiles or arm terrorists.

I STOOD UP AGAINST CUTS IN SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE: I promised that I would never vote to cut Social Security or Medicare benefits, and I've kept my promise.

I STOOD UP FOR VETERANS: I sponsored a "Veterans University" to help local vets learn about the benefits and resources they've earned. And, I've helped hundreds of veterans cut through red tape to get the benefits they deserve.

I OPPOSED PERKS FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS: I will vote against any pay raises for Congress, and I wrote legislation to prohibit Members of Congress from using taxpayer money to fly first class and lease luxury vehicles.

I FOUGHT TO MAKE SURE FAMILIES HAVE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE. As a physician, I understand the importance of health care. That's why I voted to prevent insurance companies from denying coverage to people with pre-existing conditions, and to help people keep their existing policies under the new health care law.

We can't afford more partisan gridlock in Washington. That's why I'd be honored to have your support.
Thank you.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,
42ND ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

CHAD MAYES, Republican

AGE: 39

**OCCUPATION: Member of the State Assembly
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Two years ago, I was honored to receive your trust to provide our community a stronger voice in Sacramento. I'm proud that my reputation as an independent minded leader allows me to reach across party lines to get things done.

As Assembly Republican Leader, I negotiated directly with Governor Brown to pass a bipartisan compromise measure to reduce the cost of healthcare for Californians by \$100 million, reduce state debt by \$400 million and dedicate \$175 million toward fixing our broken roads and bridges.

Further, I've made fighting for middle class Californians a priority. From working to expand the child care tax credit so more families can afford child care to supporting career and technical training to elevate workers from minimum wage jobs into good paying, meaningful careers.

Together, we have accomplished a lot, but there is more to do.

To ease our water problems we must build more reservoirs to increase storage and ensure a safe, reliable water supply. We must reform California's teacher tenure system to ensure our students are taught by the very best.

I believe anything is possible in a society that opens up opportunity equally for all and provides the freedom to achieve our dreams.

While we've made progress, it's clear that we have more work to do to move beyond Sacramento's closed system and towards an open government that empowers each of us to succeed in this new dynamic economy.

The world is changing; let's change it for the better.

Join me at ChadMayes.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY,
42ND ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

GREG RODRIGUEZ, Democratic

**OCCUPATION: Community Health Manager
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

I was raised in Southern California by a single mom who worked three jobs. I learned the values of personal responsibility and a strong work ethic early on. I worked my way through college studying economics and political science. Twenty years ago, I left work to become a full-time father after adopting my autistic nephew and another son who had been in five different foster homes before he was four. I am the only candidate in this race who has had children and knows the challenges parents face. I fought for solutions for children with developmental disabilities and improving education. I became District Director for Congressman Raul Ruiz and spent two years leading a team that delivered unparalleled constituent services to veterans, seniors, and other residents.

I am running for State Assembly to take my passion for solutions to Sacramento to get the results we need here in our district. With my passion for service I will work to create jobs, reduce crime, invest in renewable energy, strengthen our education system, create long-term solutions for water shortages and the Salton Sea, and most importantly to me, address our mental health and homeless issues in our district.

You can count on me to represent you and achieve results for everyone. Visit gregrodriguez.com. I would be honored to have your vote.

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PALM DESERT**

KATHLEEN KELLY

OCCUPATION: Businesswoman / Retired Pastor
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

My Dad Dick Kelly taught four lessons in 28 years on Council: Keep the SERVICE in public service. LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE. Be trustworthy. Get AHEAD of future trends; if only planning for them, you are moving too slowly.

You can trust me to honor his lessons. When I was still working full-time, I put service first:

- Serving on the Joslyn Senior Center Board, becoming President
- Volunteering in Palm Desert's "Envisioning" process for our future
- Becoming a Planning Commissioner
- Working countless hours to give our historic Shadow Mountain Golf Course a new chance at life

We can keep Palm Desert great by remembering Dad's lessons. We can have it all: safety, great education & transportation, protected hillsides, super parks, other amenities!

Life has taught me more than my Yale BA and UC Berkeley law degree: Things work best when people work together. Let's keep our country's divided, partisan politics out of this local race. I've brought people together as a lawyer, neutral mediator, ordained minister, and now as part of a South Palm Desert business. Please give me your vote so I can do the same for all Palm Desert. Kelly4pd.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PALM DESERT**

SUSAN MARIE WEBER

OCCUPATION: Accountant / Businesswoman
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

It is an honor to serve as your representative to the Palm Desert City Council since 2012, and as Mayor in 2015. We have an exemplary City, an extraordinary Staff, and exceptional Residents who participate in the City's Commissions and Committees.

My values inform my decisions on the Council:

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY - As an accountant, I enjoy working with the budget. I am very respectful of the need to strategize for the future during these challenging economic times.

OPEN GOVERNMENT. I am always available to meet with residents and welcome the input of each person.

I serve as:

- Liaison to the Coachella Valley Mountain Conservancy
- Liaison to the Palm Desert Art in Public Places Commission
- Board Member and Treasurer of the Historical Society of Palm Desert

My community involvement began In 1980 when I became a resident of Palm Desert. I received my AA from COD and my BS from California State University San Bernardino. I have my own accounting business and teach accounting at a private school.

I ask for your vote to continue to represent you on the Palm Desert City Council.

www.susanmarieweber.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER,
CITY OF PALM DESERT**

GINA NESTANDE

OCCUPATION: Businesswoman / Teacher
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As your representative on the City Council, I will work to continuously improve the quality of services provided by the city while being a strong guardian of our tax dollars.

As a businesswoman and a member of Palm Desert Chamber of Commerce, I appreciate the importance of supporting our local businesses. Because tourism is critical to our local economy, I will vigorously support new projects that will bring visitors to Palm Desert year round.

Being a substitute teacher with a B.S. degree in Education, member of the Parent Board's at Palm Desert High School and Sacred Heart School, I know our community is improved by supporting the educational and recreational opportunities for our youth. That's why my husband and I have volunteered for the Palm Desert Youth Soccer League and the YMCA coaching children.

Finally, qualities that will serve me well as a council member, I acquired as a professional Triathlete. Hard work, dedication, and a commitment to succeed are attributes that I developed while competing with world-class athletes.

My focus will be to provide you the honest, transparent representation that you have a right to expect. Please visit my website www.GinaNestande.com or call me at 760-567-5700 if you have any questions.
Thank you.

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CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, CITY OF PALM DESERT VAN G. TANNER AGE: 65 OCCUPATION: Palm Desert City Council Member EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS: Current Palm Desert City Council member. Retired Business owner 41 years. Lived and worked in Palm Desert 43 years - Active Community member. Volunteer Living Desert Active board member to many non Profits - on several city commission	CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, CITY OF PALM DESERT JERRY D. MARTIN OCCUPATION: Businessman / Golf Professional EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS: Jerry D. Martin — Vietnam Combat Veteran, Former Teacher, Businessman, Golf Teaching Professional, Past Radio Show Host, and Founder of El Paseo Cruise night. YOUR Candidate for Palm Desert City Council. I have lived in Palm Desert for the past 20 years and am committed to improving the quality of life for everyone in Palm Desert. I have spent many years in various fields but it is now time to move into the next adventure of my life, being your Council Member for the City of Palm Desert. With such a diverse background I believe I have the experience needed to lead our city in to some exciting new directions. Palm Desert is a great city and the people living here are good, caring and deserving of a city government that works for them. It is my goal to be engaged in both community development and economic development through Marketing, Special Events and Tourism. I look forward to improving the quality of our lives by adopting frugal policies and supporting economically sound projects that constitute smart investments in the City's future. Let's do this together - VOTE FOR ME. PLEASE visit my website at: www.voteforjerrymartin.com

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 2**

JIM SCHMID

AGE: 37

OCCUPATION: Director of Operations

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Things aren't what they used to be in the Coachella Valley.

Inexpensive and accessible water isn't so inexpensive or accessible anymore. Sacramento slaps us with 36% conservation mandates and chips away at local control. Access to groundwater is becoming quite complicated. Colorado River flows and State Water Project supplies are at record lows, and the aquifer beneath us, our primary source of drinking water, is still in a state of overdraft.

The future will not allow us to rest on old priorities and historic arrangements. We need to focus on the needs of residents, homeowner's associations, small businesses, tourism, and golf courses – all the things that make up Division 2. The Coachella Valley Water District must be operated as ONE entity, organized to serve ALL of the Valley's needs and stakeholders equitably – "one water" as it were. And we need to begin approaching our work in recognition of, and in cooperation with other districts and agencies.

My name is Jim Schmid. I am Your candidate, committed to serving with honesty and integrity for the residents, homeowners associations, and businesses who call Division 2 home, where I live, work, and raise my family.

Vote Jim Schmid – for the Future of Water in the Coachella Valley.

www.JimSchmid.net

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 2**

EDWIN "ED" PACK

OCCUPATION: Incumbent / Retired Fireman

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

RE-ELECT ED PACK!

YOUR WATER: With 327,000 people using Coachella Valley Water

YOUR MONEY: With a budget of over 448 MILLION

YOUR VOTE: YOUR VOTE IS CRUCIAL to the FUTURE of quality water at reasonable rates.

ELECTED to CVWD Board on November of 2012

8 YEARS experience on the Hesperia City Council (which controlled it's own water department). I have solid ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE leading a water district.

The State is requiring us to remove Chromium-6 from our Drinking Water at a cost of over 250 MILLION DOLLARS. An ANNUAL cost of \$10-15 MILLION DOLLARS per year for treatment..

LIVING IN A DESERT, NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN WATER. THE QUALITY, AVAILABILITY AND PRICE OF THAT WATER IS WHAT I WILL FIGHT FOR.

Our current system is aging and maintenance alone is not enough. We must plan for the modernization of our water delivery and storage systems in order to meet our growing demands in a fiscally and ecologically responsible manner. I can only do this with your support, in a district that stretches from Cathedral City to Salton Sea.

On Election Day Remember:

YOUR WATER-YOUR MONEY-YOUR VOTE
VOTE FOR ED PACK!

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR
DIRECTOR,
COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, DIVISION 2**

ANTHONY BIANCO

AGE: 44

OCCUPATION: Farmer

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Our water here in the Coachella Valley is our life blood. It needs to be protected and conserved at all costs. It is not just what we use to drink and water our lawns, it is the backbone of our local economy. It provides us all with the opportunity to live, work and play in the Coachella Valley.

Born in Indio, the Coachella Valley has been my home for my entire life. I graduated from Palm Desert High School and attended Cal Poly San Luis Obispo majoring in Agriculture Business.

I am happily married with two children, a successful businessman, and a Community volunteer.

My experience as a local farmer of conventional and organic fruits and vegetables has taught me how to manage finances, balance budgets, and manage staff. Most importantly I understand the value of our precious resource and its impact on our community.

I truly have a passion for our Community and have been actively engaged with the Coachella Valley Water District.

Please make the right choice on Election Day. Our economy, our jobs, and our future depend on it! I would be honored to have your vote. Vote for Anthony Bianco.

www.anthonbianco.com

MEASURE “CC” – DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
FULL TEXT OF BOND PROPOSITION
DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
COLLEGE EXPANSION, REPAIR AND MODERNIZATION MEASURE

This Proposition may be known and referred to as the “Desert Community College District College Expansion, Repair and Modernization Measure” or as “Measure CC”.

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this proposition by at least 55% of the registered voters voting on the proposition, the Desert Community College District (the “District”) shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$577,860,000 in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific facilities projects listed under the heading entitled “BOND PROJECT LIST” below (the “Bond Project List”), subject to all of the accountability safeguards specified below.

ACCOUNTABILITY SAFEGUARDS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this proposition in order that the voters and taxpayers of the District may be assured that their money will be spent to address specific facilities needs of the District, all in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at Sections 15264 and following of the California Education Code (the “Education Code”).

Evaluation of Needs. The Board of Trustees of the District (the “Board”) has conducted a thorough assessment of all facilities in order to evaluate and address the facilities needs of the District at each campus and facility, and to determine which projects to finance from a local bond at this time. The Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List.

Limitations on Use of Bonds. Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of college facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of college facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for college facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other college operating expenses.

Independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee. The Board shall establish an independent citizens’ oversight committee (pursuant to Education Code Section 15278 and following), to ensure bond proceeds are expended only for the community college facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. The committee shall be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the Board. In accordance with Section 15282 of the Education Code, the citizens’ oversight committee shall consist of at least seven members and shall include a member active in a business organization representing the business community located within the District, a member active in a senior citizens’ organization, a member active in a bona fide taxpayers’ organization, a member that is a student who is both currently enrolled in the District and active in a community college group, such as student government, and a member that is active in the support and organization of a community college or the community colleges of the District, such as a member of an advisory council or foundation. No employee or official of the District and no vendor, contractor or consultant of the District shall be appointed to the citizens’ oversight committee.

Annual Performance Audits. The Board shall conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the community college facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. These audits shall be conducted in accordance with the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States for performance audits. The results of these audits shall be made publicly available and shall be submitted to the citizens’ oversight committee in accordance with Section 15286 of the Education Code.

Annual Financial Audits. The Board shall conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the community college facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. These audits shall be conducted in accordance with the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States for financial audits. The results of these audits shall be made publicly available and shall be submitted to the citizens’ oversight committee in accordance with Section 15286 of the Education Code.

Special Bond Proceeds Account; Annual Report to Board. Upon approval of this proposition and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board shall take actions necessary to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of bonds will be deposited. As long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the Superintendent of the District shall cause a report to be filed with the Board no later than January 1 of each year, commencing January 1, 2018, stating (a) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in that year, and (b) the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may relate to the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period as the Superintendent of the District shall determine, and may be incorporated into the annual budget, audit, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS

Single Purpose. All of the purposes enumerated in this proposition shall be united and voted upon as one single proposition, pursuant to Education Code Section 15100, and all the enumerated purposes shall constitute the specific single purpose of the bonds, and proceeds of the bonds shall be spent only for such purpose, pursuant to California Government Code Section 53410.

Other Terms of the Bonds. When sold, the bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum, and that interest shall be made payable at the time or times permitted by law. The bonds may be issued and sold in several series, and no bond shall be made to mature more than the statutory maximum number of years from the date borne by that bond.

BOND PROJECT LIST

The Bond Project List below lists the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the bonds. The Bond Project List shall be considered a part of the bond proposition and shall be reproduced in any official document required to contain the full statement of the bond proposition. Listed projects will be completed as needed at a particular District facility or site according to Board-established priorities, and the order in which such projects appear on the Bond Project List is not an indication of priority for funding or completion. Any authorized repairs shall be capital expenditures. The project list does not authorize non-capital expenditures. Each project is assumed to include its share of costs of the election and bond issuance, construction-related costs, such as project and construction management, architectural, engineering, inspection and similar planning and testing costs, demolition and interim housing costs, legal, accounting and similar fees, costs related to the independent annual financial and

performance audits, a contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs, and other costs incidental to and necessary for completion of the listed projects (whether the related work is performed by the District or third parties). The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded, and projects are completed. In addition, certain construction funds from non-bond sources, including State of California grant funds for eligible projects and redevelopment pass-through funds, have not yet been secured and/or received. Therefore, the Board cannot guarantee that the bonds will provide sufficient funds to allow completion of all listed projects. Alternatively, if the District obtains unexpected funds from non-bond sources with respect to listed projects, such projects may be enhanced, supplemented or expanded to the extent of such funds. Some projects may be subject to further government approvals, including by State officials and boards and/or local environmental or agency approval. Inclusion of a project on the Bond Project List is not a guarantee that the project will be completed (regardless of whether bond funds are available).

The specific projects authorized to be financed with proceeds of the bonds under this proposition are as follows:

COLLEGE EXPANSION, REPAIR AND MODERNIZATION PROJECTS	
The following projects are authorized to be financed at the District's new, future and existing campuses and college locations, including:	
Palm Desert Campus	Indio Campus
East Valley Campus	West Valley Campus
Community Centered sites throughout the Coachella Valley	
- Modernize, upgrade, renovate, rehabilitate, re-configure, repair, replace, restore, expand and/or upgrade classrooms, classroom buildings, labs (including science and technology labs), career training facilities, career placement centers/facilities, veterans support services facilities, public safety training facilities, theater/performing arts facilities, childcare facilities, restrooms, common areas and college support and administration facilities (including library, multipurpose room/auditorium, food storage, preparation and service, cafeteria and office/staff/faculty support facilities, whether permanent, portable or modular including interior and exterior (as applicable)), doors, windows, door and window hardware, roofs, rain gutters and downspouts, walls, ceilings and floors and finishes, paint, siding, insulation, casework, cabinets, secured storage, carpets, drapes, window coverings, infrastructure, lighting, acoustics, staging, sinks, drinking fountains, fixtures, signage, fencing, landscaping, furniture and equipment. - Construct new campus buildings, including classrooms/classroom buildings, labs (including science and technology labs), library, performing arts and film facilities, career placement centers/facilities, student services and administration buildings, office/staff/faculty support facilities, building/facility/university center for student support services, including career placement center, career training classrooms and related facilities, veterans support service facilities, public safety training facilities, observatory facilities, food storage, preparation and service facilities, childcare facilities, restrooms, and related college facilities. - Construct, improve, reconfigure, expand, and/or install sidewalks, parking areas, and related areas. - Construct/install outdoor learning areas, including shade/rain structures, sitting areas, fencing and landscaping. - Renovate, replace, upgrade, acquire, install and/or integrate major site/building/utility systems, equipment and related infrastructure and housing, including lighting, electrical (including electrical switchgear and related infrastructure for modern technology), heating, refrigeration, cooling and ventilation, water, sewer, gas, irrigation, drainage, and energy efficiency/management monitoring systems, networks, fixtures, equipment and controls. - Acquire, install, upgrade and/or construct renewable energy and/or energy-saving systems, improvements and equipment, including electricity generation and distribution systems and/or water heating systems, natural light improvements, upgraded insulation and roofing, efficient lighting, windows and window coverings, shade structures, energy management and conservation systems, and other passive technologies, and structures to support such systems, improvements and equipment and related infrastructure. - Upgrade, expand, acquire and/or install technology equipment, fixtures and infrastructure, including computers, tablets, mobile devices, software, interactive educational technology, digital projectors and cameras, monitors, audio systems, video systems, network equipment (including servers, network interface devices, network switches and routers, wireless network equipment, firewalls, network security equipment, racking, power and cooling equipment, wiring and uninterruptible power supplies), etc. - Upgrade and/or acquire and install fencing, security lighting, fire detection and suppression, security alarm, video surveillance, emergency, master key and door lock, clock, bell, data, voice and audio-visual communication (including telephone and public address) systems, networks, fixtures, equipment and controls. - The inspection and analysis of grounds, buildings, fixtures and structures, including parking lots, restrooms, drinking fountains, to assess health and safety risks to students, faculty, staff, parents and the public and compliance with local, state and federal building, health, safety, access and other related requirements, including seismic safety requirements, requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) requirements, and the improvement, correction, repair or renovation of such grounds, buildings, fixtures and structures or portions thereof identified as such health and safety risks or acquire, install and/or construct other improvements to comply with such laws and requirements.	
MISCELLANEOUS	
All listed bond projects include the following as needed:	
- Removal of hazardous materials such as asbestos and lead paint as needed. - Construction and/or installation of access improvements for disabled persons, as required by state and federal law. - Planning, designing and providing temporary housing necessary for listed bond projects.	

- Acquisition of any rights-of-way, easements, and/or real property made necessary by listed bond projects, or lease of real property for the listed college facilities projects.
- Necessary onsite and offsite preparation or restoration in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable buildings, including demolition of structures; removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, drainage, utility lines (gas, water, sewer, electrical, data and voice, etc.), trees and landscaping; relocating fire access roads; and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, land or rights of way made necessary by listed bond projects.
- Address other unforeseen conditions revealed by construction, renovation or modernization (including plumbing or gas line breaks, dry rot, seismic and structural deficiencies, etc.).
- Acquire or construct storage facilities and other space on an interim basis, as needed to accommodate construction materials, equipment, and personnel, and interim classrooms (including relocatables) for students and college functions or other storage for classroom materials displaced during construction.
- For any project involving renovation, rehabilitation or repair of a building or the major portion of a building, the District shall be authorized to proceed with new replacement construction/re-construction instead (including any necessary demolition), if the Board of Trustees of the District determines that replacement and new construction/re-construction is more practical than renovation, rehabilitation and repair, considering the building's age, condition, expected remaining life, comparative cost and other relevant factors.
- Furnishing and equipping of classrooms and other college facilities; furnishing and equipping shall include initial purchases, and scheduled and necessary replacements, upgrades and updating of technology.
- All other costs and work necessary and incidental to the listed bond projects.

MEASURE "CC" – DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

TAX RATE STATEMENT

An election will be held in the Desert Community College District (the "District") on November 8, 2016, to authorize the sale of up to \$577,860,000 in bonds of the District to finance community college facilities as described in the proposition. If the bonds are approved, the District expects to issue the Bonds in multiple series over time. Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400 through 9404 of the California Elections Code.

1. The best estimate of the tax which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the first series of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is 1.95 cents per \$100 (\$19.50 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2017-18.
2. The best estimate of the tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the last series of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is 1.95 cents per \$100 (\$19.50 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2025-26.
3. The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is 1.95 cents per \$100 (\$19.50 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation and is expected to remain approximately the same in each year during the term of repayment of the bonds.
4. The best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all of the bonds are issued and sold is \$1,075,000,000.

Voters should note that estimated tax rates are based on the *ASSESSED VALUE* of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls, *not* on the property's market value, which could be more or less than the assessed value. In addition, taxpayers eligible for a property tax exemption, such as the homeowner's exemption, will be taxed at a lower effective tax rate than described above. Certain taxpayers may also be eligible to postpone payment of taxes. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. The actual tax rates and the years in which they will apply, and the actual total debt service, may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for construction funds and other factors, including the legal limitations on bonds approved by a 55% affirmative vote. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Dated: July 20, 2016.

By: Joel L. Kinnamon
Superintendent / President
Desert Community College District

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE “CC”

The Board of Education (“Board”) of the Desert Community College District (“District”) by adopting Resolution No. 072016-2 (“Resolution”), elected to call an election pursuant to Section 18 of Article XVI and Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and Section 15100 and 15624 et seq. of the California Education Code to obtain authorization to issue and sell general obligation Bonds (“Bonds”) in the aggregate amount principal amount of five hundred seventy seven million and eight hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$577,860,000.00).

This Measure was placed on the ballot by the Board of the above-identified District.

The Bonds would be used by the District to expand, repair and upgrade and expand classrooms, buildings, labs, career training facilities, among other facilities, at the following campuses: Palm Desert, East Valley, Indio, West Valley and Community Centered sites throughout the Coachella Valley. The Bonds may also be used to upgrade, expand, acquire and/or install technology equipment, fixtures and infrastructure, upgrade and/or acquire and install security measure, remove hazardous material, construct and install access improvements for disabled persons, and acquisition or lease of real property for the listed college facilities projects.

The Bonds would not be used to fund the salaries, pensions or benefits of any board members, administrator, and/or teachers or for other school operating expenses.

If Measure CC is approved, the Board of the District will appoint a citizens’ oversight committee, and conduct annual independent financial and performance audits to assure that bond funds are spent only on the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and modernization of school facilities, or the construction of school facilities, and for no other purposes.

An ad valorem tax would be levied and collected on property within the boundaries of the District to pay the principal and interest on the Bonds.

The Resolution provides that the maximum interest rate on the Bonds will not exceed the maximums statutory rate and the maximum term of the Bonds, or any series thereof, will not exceed applicable statutory maximum. The best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest that would be required if all of the bonds are issued and sold is one billion and seventy-five million dollars (\$1,075,000,000).

For this Measure to be approved fifty-five percent (55%) of qualified voters who vote on the Measure must vote yes.

A “YES” vote on Measure “CC” is a vote to allow the District to sell the Bonds and levy the necessary taxes to pay for the Bonds.

A “NO” vote on Measure “CC” is a vote against allowing the District to sell the Bonds and levy the necessary taxes to pay for the Bonds.

By: Ronak N. Patel, Deputy County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE “CC”

Vote Yes on Measure CC to relieve overcrowding, increase job and career training facilities and modernize College of the Desert.

College of the Desert has been the leading source of higher education for nearly 60 years, providing career training for students and serving as an affordable springboard for those who want to continue their education at a four-year university.

Measure CC will keep College of the Desert working for our community, allowing the college to:

- Build more classrooms and science labs to relieve overcrowding.
- Update existing classrooms, labs, and technology to prepare students for four-year universities and high-paying jobs.
- Modernize and expand educational buildings and classrooms to train local nurses, firefighters, police officers, mechanics, technicians and dozens of other vital workers.
- Strengthen programs for returning veterans and prepare them for good-paying jobs.
- Boost and add science, engineering, and technology classrooms and labs.

Like any 60-year old institution, College of the Desert is in need of basic repairs and modernization, including replacing outdated electrical and plumbing systems, repairing leaky roofs and upgrading classrooms and facilities to meet current earthquake, fire and safety codes.

Measure CC will help College of the Desert build, expand and upgrade the facilities needed to provide the top-notch technical training needed in emerging, high-demand fields to train our workforce and keep the local economy strong.

By law, no Measure CC money can be spent on administrator salaries. Independent audits and an oversight committee ensure strict accountability. Every penny from Measure CC benefits College of the Desert - funds cannot be taken by the state.

Join Coachella Valley nurses, police officers, firefighters, students, alumni, faculty, community and business leaders, financial planners, taxpayers, and seniors in voting YES on Measure CC.

Keep affordable, quality college education and job training at College of the Desert working for our community.

By: Guadalupe Ramos Watson, Councilmember City of Indio, COD Alumni Hall of Fame Member

John Benoit, Riverside County Supervisor

Stanley E. Henry, Retired Police Chief, Mayor, City of Cathedral City

John J. Peña, Mayor Pro Tem City of La Quinta, COD Alumni Hall of Fame Member

Christine Anderson, Superintendent of Schools, PSUSD, Retired

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE “CC”

The supporters of Measure CC justify the proposed \$577,860,000 Bond issue as necessary to “relieve overcrowding, increase job and career training facilities and modernize College of the Desert.” They also cite issues inherent with “...any 60-year old institution...in need of basic repairs and modernization.”

With passage of the \$372,000,000 Bond issue in 2004, the “60-year old” Palm Desert campus has been greatly updated and expanded with the construction of several new buildings, many of which house administrative offices and numerous new classrooms. Several older facilities and classrooms have been renovated to meet updated building requirements, functional and aesthetic upgrades were incorporated on campus, an early Bond project renovated aging in-ground systems, and the college expanded with new classrooms in Indio and the east valley. As such, many of the justifications cited for replacing outdated systems, fixing leaky roofs, and relieving overcrowding appear to be overstated.

This \$577,860,000 Bond issue request balloons to over \$1 billion after interest over the up-to 40 years debt obligation period is added, with another lien placed on your property to guarantee that debt. This is excessive when considering how much has already been accomplished using the 2004 Bond issue funds, for which we are still paying and will be for many years to come.

Vote NO on Measure CC to eliminate higher property taxes, another lien on your property, and the inevitable cost increases to all renters as these tax increases are passed along.

By: Carole J. Van Zandt

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE “CC”

The College of the Desert Board of Trustees is asking voters to approve a \$577,860,000 Bond measure to fund myriad construction, upgrade, repair, and renovation projects for the main campus and satellite sites within the Coachella Valley. Considering the \$372 million Bond measure approved by the voters in 2004 for the same purposes, seeking another Bond measure of this magnitude seems excessive: a total face value of \$949,860,000. In that regard, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association in its *Heads Up, Taxpayers* report on their website, www.hjta.org, states that “Voters have a right to know that a Bond will place a lien against homes for as long as 40 years to guarantee repayment that, once interest is calculated, will cost at least double its face value.”

If approved this measure will result in yet another property tax increase—we are still paying for the 2004 Bond measure—and placement of yet another lien on our property. Because these types of Bond measure obligations are repaid solely through increasing our property taxes, approval of the Bond measure will likely cause rental rates to also increase. Now is the time to ask if Riverside and Imperial Counties can afford to repay another \$1 billion dollar debt obligation through our ever increasing property taxes. Vote NO on measure CC.

By: Carole J. Van Zandt

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE “CC”

For sixty years, College of the Desert has strategically planned, grown and adapted to serve the Coachella Valley.

College of the Desert has always met the challenges of providing higher education opportunities to Coachella Valley residents. As a result, our community has benefitted with better jobs, a better-trained workforce and a stronger local economy.

Measure CC will allow College of the Desert to continue to meet our current needs for higher education. It will also allow College of the Desert to accommodate our community’s educational needs in the future.

Measure CC is smart planning that will enable College of the Desert to:

- Reduce overcrowding.

- Build needed new classrooms and labs.

- Expand higher education into the fields that are in most demand and offer well-paying jobs.

- Emphasize career paths to nursing and medical jobs, law enforcement, firefighting, science and engineering fields.

- Strengthen programs for preparing returning veterans for well-paying careers.

This focus is good for our community, good for our families and good for our local economy.

Along with these benefits, Measure CC has safeguards. For example, no Measure CC money may be spent on administrator salaries. And, no Measure CC money may be taken by Sacramento to fund state programs. An independent Oversight Committee will insure our local benefits are delivered as promised.

Keep affordable, state of the art, quality college education and important job training at our College of the Desert working for the future of the Coachella Valley.

YES on CC.

By: Stanley E. Henry, Retired Police Chief / Mayor

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE "T"

The City of Palm Desert currently imposes a 9% general tax on rent charged by the operator of any hotel, short-term rental, or similar lodging in the City of Palm Desert for guests staying fewer than thirty days. This tax is called the Transient Occupancy Tax ("TOT") and is collected by hotel and short-term rental operators at the time rent is paid by the guests. The TOT is set forth in Chapter 3.28 of Title 3 of the Palm Desert Municipal Code. All funds collected from the TOT are deposited into the City's General Fund.

Measure T, which has been placed on the ballot by the City Council of the City of Palm Desert, proposes the adoption of an Ordinance of the City of Palm Desert which would increase the TOT from 9% to 11%. The additional 2% in revenue represents about \$2 million dollars a year to the General Fund.

The proposed TOT is a general tax and may be used for any general governmental purpose of the City, such as police, fire, emergency response, street maintenance, parks and recreational programs. In order for the City to adopt the Ordinance amending its Municipal Code and authorizing the increase in the rate of the TOT described above, Measure T must be approved by a majority vote of the votes cast on the measure.

A "yes" vote on Measure T would adopt the Ordinance increasing the TOT from 9% to 11%.

A "no" vote on Measure T would mean that the Ordinance described above is not adopted and the TOT would remain at 9%.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure T. If you desire a copy of Measure T, please call the elections official's office at (760) 346-0611 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

By: Robert Hargreaves
City Attorney, City of Palm Desert

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE “T”

Vote **YES on T!** Maintain public safety, fiscal stability and our quality of life, WITHOUT taxing home or property owners!

Measure T is a **HOTEL TAX PAID ONLY BY HOTEL VISITORS** when they spend the night locally. Palm Desert residents, home and property owners are NOT taxed.

We live in Palm Desert for its high quality of life. **YES on T** will maintain vital services that make Palm Desert a desirable place to live, work, and do business!

Did you know that since the State's elimination of redevelopment in 2012, our city has lost approximately \$40,000,000 every year in critical funds to create jobs, make local improvements and stimulate local economic growth? The State's Sacramento-focused agenda continues to cost Palm Desert millions!

The Chamber of Commerce and Palm Desert hoteliers support YES on T because it provides funding to protect and maintain our essential services and quality of life – **WITHOUT RAISING YOUR TAXES:**

- YES on T protects and maintains 911 emergency medical, police and fire protection/response services
- YES on T maintains roads and street maintenance
- YES on T improves water conservation
- YES on T maintains local control over funds that can only be used in Palm Desert.

Palm Desert's hotel tax is the lowest in the Valley. YES on T simply ensures the hundreds of thousands of tourists that come to our area – straining public safety services, impacting local natural habitats and affecting our quality of life – pay their fair share for the services they use when they spend the night at local hotels.

Measure T includes fiscal accountability, with all funds subject to publicly available, annual, independent audits of city funds and expenditures.

For information about Measure T, visit www.cityofpalmdesert.org.

By: Robert A. Spiegel, Palm Desert Mayor
Laurie Baldwin, IOM President/CEO Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce
Neal D. Lingle, Former Palm Desert Chief of Police, Retired
Vicky Welsh Morales, 32 year Palm Desert resident
Sallie Fraser, School Principal

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE “T”

The answer remains **NO!**

None of the proponent's arguments to the “No on T” answers any of the four reasons to vote **NO**.

1. Palm Desert already has very large monetary reserves.
2. The proposed new tax money can be spent for any legal purpose the city council chooses.
3. **The present city council is already giving existing T.O.T. funds away to developers.**
4. Our hotel guests already pay their fair share, a total of 12% added to their bill.

No unneeded taxes for any reason on anyone has been the foundation of fiscal responsibility for 43 years in Palm Desert. Raising T.O.T. to amass funds is NOT fiscal responsibility.

Measure T ***guarantees nothing*** for police or paramedic response, fire protection, water conservation, street maintenance or any other claim of the proponents. These issues are only impacted by city council decisions and there are plenty of reserves to be wisely spent or saved.

No need equals a “**NO**” vote on T.

By: Jean M. Benson
Past Mayor, Council Member
City of Palm Desert

Buford A. Crites
Past Mayor, Council Member
City of Palm Desert

Cindy Finerty
Past Mayor, Council Member
City of Palm Desert

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE “T”

They're back again! In 2014, the Palm Desert voters said, by a wide margin, “NO” to a 2% TOT Tax increase which could have been spent for any purpose. Now the City Council is asking for the same tax increase which again can be used for any purpose or given away.

Why you should vote “NO” again:

1. No Need – the City has over \$50 million dollars in reserves.
2. TOT dollars go into the City's General Fund and can be spent for any purpose but it cannot be dedicated to anything specific including public safety.
3. The City Council is already giving TOT back to developers! \$1.8 million is pledged to the owners of the new hotel now being built on Larkspur. This begins a “bad” practice for future hotels; to demand TOT rebates which, again, comes out of the City's General Fund. This shows a lack of fiscal responsibility – to give away your income – and ask hotel guests to pay more; many who may be potential residents.
4. A low TOT rate benefits our City as convention organizers and tourists often book in a city with lowest costs. Palm Desert has always been that city at 9% but all valley hotels ALSO charge a 3% tourist tax making ours 12%; so an added 2% would bring it up to 14%!

Having served as Mayor of Palm Desert for 6 terms and as a councilmember for 32 years, I know that we always looked at tax increases on anyone as a last resort and for emergencies. This proposed tax increase is neither so NO NEED – JUST GREED. I urge a “NO” vote on Measure T.

By: Jean M. Benson
Past Mayor and Councilmember
City of Palm Desert

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE “T”

Measure T was placed on the ballot so you – the taxpayer – can decide if continuing to maintain our high quality of life without taxing home or property owners is a priority. If you do, vote YES on T.

Don't be misled by the rhetoric. Consider the facts:

FACT: Measure T will maintain our City's long-term fiscal stability without taxing home or property owners. Palm Desert prides itself on fiscal responsibility, including balanced budgets and prudent planning that keep our neighborhoods safe and quality of life better than other Valley cities.

FACT: Measure T keeps Palm Desert's hotel/motel tax among the lowest in our region and ensures that the tourists who stay in hotels pay their fair share for the vital services they strain, including 9-1-1 emergency medical, police, and fire protection/response services.

FACT: Amid the loss of \$40,000,000 in annual revenues used by Palm Desert for critical local improvements and economic development, Measure T will provide a dedicated LOCAL source of funding for OUR needs that won't be vulnerable to state money grabs – including funding for local police and fire protection, road maintenance and street repair, senior programs, and other vital services that make Palm Desert a great place to live, work and do business.

Measure T is accountable, fiscally responsible and requires local control for local needs that benefit our community. That's why the Chamber of Commerce, hotels, public safety professionals, and community leaders urge you to vote YES on T.

By: William R. Kroonen, President Emeritus College of the Desert and former member of the Palm Desert City Council
Peter Hurley, Resident and Director of Finance of Palm Desert's Largest Hotel
Sonia M. Campbell, Local Business Owner and 31 year Palm Desert Resident
Vincent Battaglia, Owner of a Palm Desert Solar Company and Resident
Beverly Starcher, Resident and Homeowner's Association President

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Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 29 and November 5
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

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Temecula, CA 92591**

VOTE-BY-MAIL

You can request your **OFFICIAL VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT** by using the application on the back of this Sample Ballot and Information Pamphlet. Return your Vote-by-Mail ballot by mail or at the following drop-off locations throughout Riverside County October 11 through November 7.

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VOTER BILL OF RIGHTS

YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:

-  **1 The right to vote if you are a registered voter.**
You are eligible to vote if you are:
 - a U.S. citizen living in California
 - at least 18 years old
 - registered where you currently live
 - not in prison or on parole for a felony
-  **2 The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list.** You will vote using a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.
-  **3 The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.**
-  **4 The right to cast a secret ballot** without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
-  **5 The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake,** if you have not already cast your ballot. You can:
 - Ask an elections official at a polling place** for a new ballot; or
 - Exchange your vote-by-mail ballot** for a new one at an elections office, or at your polling place; or
 - Vote using a provisional ballot,** if you do not have your original vote-by-mail ballot.
-  **6 The right to get help casting your ballot** from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.
-  **7 The right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any polling place** in the county where you are registered to vote.
-  **8 The right to get election materials in a language other than English** if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.
-  **9 The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures** and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.
-  **10 The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity** to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.
 -  On the web at **www.sos.ca.gov**
 -  By phone at **(800) 345-VOTE (8683)**
 -  By email at **elections@sos.ca.gov**

**IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN DENIED ANY OF THESE RIGHTS, CALL THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S
CONFIDENTIAL TOLL-FREE VOTER HOTLINE AT (800) 345-VOTE (8683).**

IMPORTANT DATES



OCTOBER 11

First day you can vote

OCTOBER 24

Last day to register to vote

NOVEMBER 1

Last day to request a
Vote-by-Mail ballot

NOVEMBER 8, ELECTION DAY

Vote at your polling place, drop off your Vote-by-Mail ballot at any polling place or vote at the Registrar of Voters office by 8:00 p.m.



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE?

You can register to vote by:
Filling out a registration card online
or

By requesting a registration card to be mailed to you.

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



For more information visit www.voteinfo.net
or call 951-486-7200 or 1-800-773-VOTE(8683)

FROM



FIRST
CLASS
POSTAGE

PLACE STAMP HERE

DID YOU SIGN YOUR APPLICATION?

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
2724 GATEWAY DRIVE
RIVERSIDE CA 92507-0923



ACCOMMODATIONS FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

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

- **By Mail** - You may request a Vote-by-Mail ballot. Simply complete the application on the back cover of this pamphlet, or, you may contact the Registrar of Voters Office by calling (951) 486-7200, (800) 773-VOTE (8683), TTY (951) 697-8966. The application must be received by the Registrar of Voters Office by the deadline given. Your ballot must be received at the Registrar of Voters Office no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day or be postmarked on or before Election Day and received no later than three days after Election Day to be counted.
- **Early Voting** - You may vote at the Registrar of Voters office located at 2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside, CA 92507, October 11 - November 7 (excluding Holidays), Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, October 29 and November 5, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Election Day, November 8, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please visit our website at www.voteinfo.net for additional early voting locations and information.
- **Curbside Voting on Election Day** - If you are unable to enter the polling place due to a physical disability, you may request Curbside Voting at your assigned polling place. Curbside Voting doorbells are available at some polling places throughout the County. If you require Curbside Voting assistance you may call 1-877-663-9906 before going to your assigned polling place and/or when you arrive at the facility. An Election Officer will be contacted prior to your arrival to meet you at the curb.
- **Large Print State Voter Information Guide** - If you prefer a large print State Voter Information Guide, you may request one by contacting the California Secretary of State's Office at (800) 345-VOTE (8683), or by contacting the Registrar of Voters Office at (951) 486-7200, (800) 773-VOTE (8683), TTY (951) 697-8966.
- Disability Rights California will operate a statewide hotline on November 8, Election Day, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The phone number is 1-888-569-7955.

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



NONPROFIT
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Registrar of Voters
Riverside

VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1, 2016

I hereby request a ballot for the Consolidated Presidential General Election, November 8, 2016.

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME AS REGISTERED

RESIDENCE ADDRESS AS REGISTERED

CITY STATE ZIP

MAIL BALLOT TO:

ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT)

CITY STATE ZIP

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

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

↓ POSTMASTER DELIVER TO ↓

**SIGNATURE
REQUIRED**

SIGNATURE OF VOTER DATE

33-BCov General 11-08-16

✓ You May Cast Your Vote Early

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IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

Accessible Voting Unit available at all polling locations.

TO MARK YOUR VOTE
DRAW A LINE



VOTE!!!

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

**BALLOT
TYPE** 196

VOTE EARLY

IT'S QUICK

IT'S EASY

IT'S CONVENIENT

GET OUT OF LINE ON ELECTION DAY!

VOTE-BY-MAIL

↓ LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE ↓



ACCESS?

