

County of Riverside



Registrar of Voters

Consolidated General Election

*Tuesday, November 7, 2017
County Voter Information Guide*

Polling Place Location
on Back Cover
Polls Open
November 7, 2017
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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Registration Deadline
October 23, 2017

Additional Information Inside
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October 10th - October 31st
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Riverside County
Registrar of Voters Office

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REBECCA SPENCER
Registrar of Voters



ART TINOCO
Assistant Registrar of Voters

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

Dear Voter:

November 7, 2017 is Election Day. This County Voter Information Guide 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 guide. The deadline to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot is October 31. 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 10 through November 6. Please visit our website to view a map of ballot drop-off locations.
- Take your ballot to any polling place, vote center, or ballot drop-off location within the state no later than the close of the polls 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 10 through November 6 (excluding Holidays), Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, October 28 and November 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Election Day, November 7, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Early voting will also be available at the Palm Springs Public Library on Friday, October 27 and Saturday, October 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please visit our website at www.voteinfo.net for additional early voting information.

Vote on Election Day November 7 – See the back cover of this County Voter Information Guide for your Polling Place location.

Have you considered participating in the Electoral process? We need you to volunteer to work the polls on Election Day! We are eager to train you to assist voters with their fundamental right to vote. Please contact us for more information.

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.

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

CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION / ELECCIÓN GENERAL CONSOLIDADA

November 7, 2017 / 7 de noviembre de 2017

Mark your choices on your Sample Ballot, then refer to it when you vote / Marque sus opciones en su Boleta de Muestra, luego refiérase a esta cuando esté votando

NONPARTISAN OFFICES CARGOS NO PARTIDARIOS
CITY / CIUDAD
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS CIUDAD DE PALM SPRINGS
City Council Member Miembro del Concejo Municipal
Vote for no more than Two Vote por no más de Dos
JUDY DEERTRACK Land Use Consultant Consultora de Uso de Terreno
HENRY HAMPTON Director Corporate Development Director Desarrollo Corporativo
CHRISTY GILBERT HOLSTEGE Attorney / Palm Springs Commissioner Abogada / Comisionada de Palm Springs
ROBERT JULIAN STONE Author / Journalist Autor / Periodista
GLENN FLOOD Retired Navy Commander Comandante de la Marina Jubilado
LISA MIDDLETON Palm Springs Planning Commissioner Comisionada de Planificación de Palm Springs

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS MEDIDAS SOMETIDAS A LOS VOTANTES
CITY / CIUDAD
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS CIUDAD DE PALM SPRINGS
D Palm Springs Essential Services / Public Safety Measure. To maintain essential city services, including rapid 911 emergency response, fire/police protection, add paramedic services, keep fire stations open/staffed, address homelessness, repair local streets/potholes, improve rapid response to assault, burglaries/crimes, keep public areas safe/clean, maintain senior services, attract/retain jobs/business, increase water conservation; shall the City of Palm Springs establish a ½ cent sales tax; requiring annual independent audits/public oversight; all funds used locally?
Medida de Seguridad Pública / Servicios Esenciales de la Ciudad de Palm Springs. Para mantener servicios esenciales de la ciudad, entre ellos, un servicio de respuesta de emergencia rápido de 911, protección policial/contra incendios, agregar servicios paramédicos, mantener las estaciones de bomberos abiertas/con personal, atender el problema de la gente sin hogar, reparar las calles/los baches locales, mejorar la respuesta inmediata a los asaltos, los robos/delitos, mantener las áreas públicas seguras/limpias, mantener servicios para adultos mayores, atraer/retener empleos/negocios, aumentar la conservación del agua; ¿Debería la Ciudad de Palm Springs establecer un impuesto a las ventas de ½ centavo, que requerirá de auditorías anuales independientes/supervisión del público, con todos los fondos usados localmente?
YES / SÍ
NO / NO

SAMPLE BALLOT / BOLETA DE MUESTRA

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CITY / CIUDAD	
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS CIUDAD DE PALM SPRINGS	
E	<p>Palm Springs Cannabis Business Taxation. Shall Palm Springs update the existing gross receipts tax on medical cannabis collectives and cooperatives to apply to all medical and adult-use cannabis businesses, apart from cultivation businesses, which will be taxed at a rate up to 10 dollars per square foot, with all revenue used in Palm Springs to maintain and improve essential city services, including public safety and youth drug prevention education; requiring annual independent audits and public oversight?</p> <p>Impuestos de Negocios de Cannabis de la Ciudad de Palm Springs. ¿Debería Palm Springs actualizar el impuesto actual a los ingresos brutos de las empresas colectivas y cooperativas de cannabis con fines médicos para aplicarlo también a todos los negocios de cannabis para consumo adulto y con fines médicos, exceptuando a los negocios de cultivo, el cual, en su lugar, se grave mediante una tarifa de no más de 10 dólares por pie cuadrado, y sea usado para mantener/mejorar los servicios de la ciudad, tales como atender el problema de la gente sin hogar, aumentar las viviendas de costo accesible/la seguridad pública, que requerirá auditorías/supervisión del público, siendo todos los fondos usados en Palm Springs?</p>
YES / SÍ	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO / NO	<input type="checkbox"/>



VOTER'S INFORMATION GUIDE 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

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

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Arguments in support of or in opposition to the ballot measures are opinions of the authors. The text, grammar, and spelling are as submitted by the authors.

POLLING PLACE REMINDER NO ELECTIONEERING!



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

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

CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE §§18370, 18371

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

JUDY DEERTRACK

OCCUPATION: Land Use Consultant
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Fellow Residents of Palm Springs:

My name is Judy Deertrack, and I would be honored to serve as City Councilmember. I see this service as a natural extension of my career in community planning, and I will work to achieve our city's need for aesthetic harmony and historic integrity, balanced by sound fiscal policy.

My education consists of a Juris Doctor in Law, a Master's Candidacy in Urban Planning, and a BS in Communications. My work in the Coachella Valley includes employment as primary planner on commercial projects for Riverside County, and Deputy City Attorney for three cities. Earlier, I managed the nomination for Taos Pueblo Tribal World Heritage Designation in New Mexico.

Altogether, I have spent 35 years in public service, working to secure parklands, preserving historic districts, designing downtown areas with an arts and entertainment focus – always assuring that strong public amenities offset negative impacts of growth. I believe that our city can allow smart, robust development without compromising sensitive neighborhood and natural environments.

As a member of City Council I will work to find common ground on City issues. I ask for your vote to secure a vibrant future for Palm Springs.

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

W. HENRY HAMPTON

AGE: 43

OCCUPATION: Director Corporate Development
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

You matter.

Henry Hampton has listened to concerns of residents just like you. Bringing together real-world business experience and local knowledge, he has developed a straightforward plan to make Palm Springs better for the people who live and work here.

Fiscal responsibility, transparency and integrity at City Hall is a major priority for us all.

For that reason, residents, business owners and community leaders are supporting Henry for City Council. Henry will work hard to:

- Solve the homelessness issue
- Finish revitalizing downtown
- Boost tourism and the local economy creating new, higher-paying jobs
- Lower crime rates and keep our neighborhoods safe

Raised in Palm Springs, Henry will respect our past and champion our future. Henry is:

- A graduate of Boston University and California Western School of Law
- Director, Palm Springs Regional Association of Realtors
- Chairman, Citizens Oversight Committee to PSUSD
- President, Palm Springs Sunup Rotary
- Airport Commissioner
- Desert Round Table Board Member & Member of the P.S. Chamber of Commerce
- Director of Corporate Development, Berkshire Hathaway Home Services

Vote Henry Hampton for vision, real-world business experience and common-sense solutions to the issues that matter most to YOU.

www.VoteHampton.com

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

CHRISTY GILBERT HOLSTEGE

OCCUPATION: Attorney / Palm Springs Human Rights Commissioner
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I attended Stanford Law School to dedicate my career to public service, studying government law and ethics. As an attorney, I have represented hundreds of Palm Springs residents, including seniors, veterans, and workers. My professional experience and community service demonstrate a track record of measurable results.

As a resident, I work to make a living in Palm Springs, bringing local work experience to City Council. As a practicing attorney, I bring a higher duty of ethics and transparency. As a new voice, I convey fresh ideas, energy, and innovation. As a Palm Springs Human Rights Commission and Homelessness Taskforce member, I bring experience, leadership, and accountability.

I am running for City Council to represent the voices of residents and work for people, progress, and practical solutions.

I will:

- Upgrade infrastructure, invest in public safety, and improve city services
- Fight for our fair share of county and state funding
- Take immediate action to address homelessness
- Diversify our economy, recruit new industries, and support local businesses
- Address blight, abandoned buildings, and stalled development projects
- Develop a strategic, sustainable, long-term plan balancing economic growth with quality of life
- Improve ethics and transparency processes
- Balance our budget, end wasteful spending, and realign city priorities

I would be honored to earn your vote.

Christy Gilbert Holsteg

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

ROBERT JULIAN STONE

OCCUPATION: Author / Journalist

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I have been a full-time resident of Palm Springs for 12 years. Over the last several years I have repeatedly spoken out about the ways in which local government has not reflected our city's motto: "The People Are the City." In 2015, when I suspected the problems bordered on criminality, I compiled a body of evidence and presented it to the FBI. Now there are 31 felony counts pending against our former mayor and two developers. Our City needs a steady hand in these troubling times. We need a Councilmember who understands the criminal case, and will aggressively pursue recovery of over \$150 million diverted into developers' pockets - money that should be used to reduce the City's unfunded pension liability.

I hold a B.A. and M.A. from the University of Michigan. I have 15 years of Federal Government experience, and am a licensed California Real Estate Broker. I was a founding member of the Warm Sands Neighborhood Organization, where I served for seven years. I also served three years on our city's Public Art Commission, the final year as Chairperson. As Councilmember, I will eliminate financial mismanagement. Let's think bigger and spend smaller.

www.stoneforcitycouncil.com

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

GLENN FLOOD

OCCUPATION: Retired Navy Commander

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Received Bachelor's Degree in Journalism/ Communications from Hofstra University, Hempstead, N.Y.

Retired Department of Defense press officer and retired Navy Commander. During my 35 years with the federal government consensus building and problem solving were a major part of my work.

- Held demanding job as media advisor to the Secretary of Defense, including duty during the 9-11 attack on the Pentagon.
- Was the primary press spokesman for recovering operations, rebuilding and antiterrorism issues.
- Provided information to the press on all matters concerning casualties, structural damage and force protection of the Pentagon.
- Managed public information regarding military base closures and worked closely with impacted communities on economic redevelopment.
- Arranged conferences to explain how cities could obtain grants provided by the Office of Economic Adjustment.

Currently, I am the president of the Palm Springs chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association. I also serve on the city's Ethics, Transparency and Governmental Reform Task Force.

My knowledge, experience and proven abilities will contribute to solving the challenges and issues we face. Palm Springs is a great place to live; together we can make it greater. Vote for me, Glenn Flood, I will work for you.

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

LISA MIDDLETON

AGE: 65

OCCUPATION: Palm Springs Planning Commissioner

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

www.electlisamiddleton.com -- lisa@electlisamiddleton.com

Palm Springs is the best city I have ever lived in.

As a member of the current Palm Springs Planning Commission, I worked to reduce the scale of the Downtown Revitalization Project. As the 2015-2016 Chair of the Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs, I helped grow and strengthen the neighborhood's voice in city government. I serve on the Boards of the Desert Horticulture Society of the Coachella Valley, LGBT Community Center of the Desert, Equality California and Neighborhoods USA.

My 36-year career with the State of California, left me educated and informed about government but not jaded or naive. I am a proud graduate of UCLA and USC.

I will use my problem-solving ability, government experience and neighborhood leadership to:

- Ensure City Hall is ethical, fiscally prudent and accessible.
- Implement best practices to reduce homelessness and increase affordable housing for working families.
- Make the city a leader in renewable energy.
- Prioritize public safety.
- Complete the Downtown revitalization.
- Require that construction projects once initiated are completed.
- Monitor and make adjustments as needed to the vacation rental ordinance.
- Help grow and support our local businesses, expanding and diversifying our economy.

I believe in a Palm Springs that embraces everyone while preserving our neighborhoods, architecture and magnificent mountain vistas.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

MEASURE "D" – CITY OF PALM SPRINGS

ORDINANCE NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, IMPOSING A GENERAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX

The people of the City of Palm Springs do hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as the Palm Springs Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance. The City of Palm Springs hereinafter shall be called "City." This ordinance shall be applicable in the incorporated territory of the City.

Section 2. OPERATIVE DATE. "Operative Date" means the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the adoption of this ordinance, the date of such adoption being as set forth below.

Section 3. PURPOSE. This ordinance is adopted to achieve the following, among other purposes, and directs that the provisions hereof be interpreted in order to accomplish those purposes:

A. To impose a retail transactions and use tax in accordance with the provisions of Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and Section 7285.9 of Part 1.7 of Division 2 which authorizes the City to adopt this tax ordinance which shall be operative if a majority of the electors voting on the measure vote to approve the imposition of the tax at an election called for that purpose.

B. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that incorporates provisions identical to those of the Sales and Use Tax Law of the State of California insofar as those provisions are not inconsistent with the requirements and limitations contained in Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

C. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that imposes a tax and provides a measure therefore that can be administered and collected by the State Board of Equalization in a manner that adapts itself as fully as practicable to, and requires the least possible deviation from, the existing statutory and administrative procedures followed by the State Board of Equalization in administering and collecting the California State Sales and Use Taxes.

D. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that can be administered in a manner that will be, to the greatest degree possible, consistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, minimize the cost of collecting the transactions and use taxes, and at the same time, minimize the burden of record keeping upon persons subject to taxation under the provisions of this ordinance.

E. To provide transactions and use tax revenue to the City to be used to fund general governmental purposes.

Section 4. CONTRACT WITH STATE. Prior to the operative date, the City shall contract with the State Board of Equalization to perform all functions incident to the administration and operation of this transactions and use tax ordinance; provided, that if the City shall not have contracted with the State Board of Equalization prior to the operative date, it shall nevertheless so contract and in such a case the operative date shall be the first day of the first calendar quarter following the execution of such a contract.

Section 5. TRANSACTIONS TAX RATE. For the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail, a tax is hereby imposed upon all retailers in the incorporated territory of the City at the rate of 0.5% of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in said territory on and after the operative date of this ordinance.

Section 6. PLACE OF SALE. For the purposes of this ordinance, all retail sales are consummated at the place of business of the retailer unless the tangible personal property sold is delivered by the retailer or his agent to an out-of-state destination or to a common carrier for delivery to an out-of-state destination. The gross receipts from such sales shall include delivery charges, when such charges are subject to the state sales and use tax, regardless of the place to which delivery is made. In the event a retailer has no permanent place of business in the State or has more than one place of business, the place or places at which the retail sales are consummated shall be determined under rules and regulations to be prescribed and adopted by the State Board of Equalization.

Section 7. USE TAX RATE. An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in the City of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer on and after the operative date of this ordinance for storage, use or other consumption in said territory at the rate of 0.5% of the sales price of the property. The sales price shall include delivery charges when such charges are subject to state sales or use tax regardless of the place to which delivery is made.

Section 8. ADOPTION OF PROVISIONS OF STATE LAW. Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance and except insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, all of the provisions of Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code are hereby adopted and made a part of this ordinance as though fully set forth herein.

Section 9. LIMITATIONS ON ADOPTION OF STATE LAW AND COLLECTION OF USE TAXES. In adopting the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code:

A. Wherever the State of California is named or referred to as the taxing agency, the name of this City shall be substituted therefor. However, the substitution shall not be made when:

1. The word "State" is used as a part of the title of the State Controller, State Treasurer, State Board of Equalization, State Treasury, or the Constitution of the State of California;

2. The result of that substitution would require action to be taken by or against this City or any agency, officer, or employee thereof rather than by or against the State Board of Equalization, in performing the functions incident to the administration or operation of this Ordinance.

3. In those sections, including, but not necessarily limited to sections referring to the exterior boundaries of the State of California, where the result of the substitution would be to:

a. Provide an exemption from this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not otherwise be exempt from this tax while such sales, storage, use or other consumption remain subject to tax by the State under the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, or;

b. Impose this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not be subject to tax by the state under the said provision of that code.

4. In Sections 6701, 6702 (except in the last sentence thereof), 6711, 6715, 6737, 6797 or 6828 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

B. The word "City" shall be substituted for the word "State" in the phrase "retailer engaged in business in this State" in Section 6203 and in the definition of that phrase in Section 6203.

Section 10. PERMIT NOT REQUIRED. If a seller's permit has been issued to a retailer under Section 6067 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, an additional transactor's permit shall not be required by this ordinance.

Section 11. EXEMPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS.

A. There shall be excluded from the measure of the transactions tax and the use tax the amount of any sales tax or use tax imposed by the State of California or by any city, city and county, or county pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law or the amount of any state-administered transactions or use tax.

B. There are exempted from the computation of the amount of transactions tax the gross receipts from:

1. Sales of tangible personal property, other than fuel or petroleum products, to operators of aircraft to be used or consumed principally outside the county in which the sale is made and directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property under the authority of the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government.

2. Sales of property to be used outside the City which is shipped to a point outside the City, pursuant to the contract of sale, by delivery to such point by the retailer or his agent, or by delivery by the retailer to a carrier for shipment to a consignee at such point. For the purposes of this paragraph, delivery to a point outside the City shall be satisfied:

a. With respect to vehicles (other than commercial vehicles) subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, and undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code by registration to an out-of-City address and by a declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, stating that such address is, in fact, his or her principal place of residence; and

b. With respect to commercial vehicles, by registration to a place of business out-of-City and declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, that the vehicle will be operated from that address.

3. The sale of tangible personal property if the seller is obligated to furnish the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

4. A lease of tangible personal property which is a continuing sale of such property, for any period of time for which the lessor is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by the lease prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

5. For the purposes of subparagraphs (3) and (4) of this section, the sale or lease of tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.

C. There are exempted from the use tax imposed by this ordinance, the storage, use or other consumption in this City of tangible personal property:

1. The gross receipts from the sale of which have been subject to a transactions tax under any state-administered transactions and use tax ordinance.

2. Other than fuel or petroleum products purchased by operators of aircraft and used or consumed by such operators directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property for hire or compensation under a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued pursuant to the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government. This exemption is in addition to the exemptions provided in Sections 6366 and 6366.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code of the State of California.

3. If the purchaser is obligated to purchase the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

4. If the possession of, or the exercise of any right or power over, the tangible personal property arises under a lease which is a continuing purchase of such property for any period of time for which the lessee is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by a lease prior

to the operative date of this ordinance.

5. For the purposes of subparagraphs (3) and (4) of this section, storage, use, or other consumption, or possession of, or exercise of any right or power over, tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.

6. Except as provided in subparagraph (7), a retailer engaged in business in the City shall not be required to collect use tax from the purchaser of tangible personal property, unless the retailer ships or delivers the property into the City or participates within the City in making the sale of the property, including, but not limited to, soliciting or receiving the order, either directly or indirectly, at a place of business of the retailer in the City or through any representative, agent, canvasser, solicitor, subsidiary, or person in the City under the authority of the retailer.

7. "A retailer engaged in business in the City" shall also include any retailer of any of the following: vehicles subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, or undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code. That retailer shall be required to collect use tax from any purchaser who registers or licenses the vehicle, vessel, or aircraft at an address in the City.

D. Any person subject to use tax under this ordinance may credit against that tax any transactions tax or reimbursement for transactions tax paid to a district imposing, or retailer liable for a transactions tax pursuant to Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code with respect to the sale to the person of the property the storage, use or other consumption of which is subject to the use tax.

Section 12. AMENDMENTS. All amendments subsequent to the effective date of this ordinance to Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code relating to sales and use taxes and which are not inconsistent with Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and all amendments to Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, shall automatically become a part of this ordinance, provided however, that no such amendment shall operate so as to affect the rate of tax imposed by this ordinance.

Section 13. ENJOINING COLLECTION FORBIDDEN. No injunction or writ of mandate or other legal or equitable process shall issue in any suit, action or proceeding in any court against the State or the City, or against any officer of the State or the City, to prevent or enjoin the collection under this ordinance, or Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected.

Section 14. PUBLIC OVERSIGHT. The City's annual audit is performed by an independent certified public accounting firm with extensive expertise in California municipal finance, compliance with all generally accepted accounting principles of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, and broad experience in reviewing, analyzing and reporting as to tax revenue. The audit is reported to the City Council at a public meeting, and shall address revenue generated by this ordinance.

Section 15. AUDIT AND REVIEW. The proceeds of the tax imposed by this ordinance, as well as the expenditure thereof, shall be audited annually by an independent certified public accounting firm. The City Council shall discuss the results of such audit at a meeting of the City Council that is open to the public. The report of such audit shall be posted on the City's website.

Section 16. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 17. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance relates to the levying and collecting of the City transactions and use taxes and shall take effect immediately.

Section 18. EXECUTION. The Mayor shall sign and the City Clerk shall attest to the passage of this ordinance upon certification by the City Council of the results of the election approving this ordinance.

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE “D”

Palm Springs Essential Services / Public Safety Measure

The measure would adopt a new half-cent transactions and use tax in the City of Palm Springs. This kind of tax is often called a “sales” tax. The money from this tax would go in the City’s general fund, and could be used for City purposes such as: fire and police protection, paramedic service, community programs (such as addressing homelessness, and providing senior and youth services), street, park and public facility cleaning, repair and maintenance, police and fire equipment, and other unfunded public needs.

The tax would be in addition to existing sales taxes. It would be collected at the same time and in much the same way as existing sales taxes. It would only apply to purchases of things subject to existing sales taxes. For example, purchases of prescription drugs and most food would not be taxed.

The City Council unanimously approved the proposed tax and the resolution placing this measure on the ballot, but California law requires that a simple majority of the City’s voters, *i.e.*, more than 50%, must also approve the tax before it can take effect.

The local share of “sales” tax revenue cannot exceed two cents on the dollar. This tax complies with that cap, and absent a change of state law, neither Riverside County nor the City of Palm Springs can raise the “sales” tax payable in the City any more. The revenue that this tax would generate would belong to and be used by the City, not the federal, state or county government. The tax will be subject to an annual review, through a public and independent audit. A certified public accounting firm with expertise in California municipal finance will perform the audit, including an analysis of the City’s tax receipts, and how all “sales” tax revenue is spent. The Council must post the report of this audit on the City’s website, and discuss its results at a public meeting.

By: Edward Z. Kotkin, Palm Springs City Attorney

The above is an impartial analysis of Measure D. A complete copy of the tax ordinance appears on the City’s website at www.palmspringsca.gov. If you want a copy of the ordinance, please call (760) 323-8204 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE “D”

Vote YES on Measure D to maintain and improve public safety services and the quality of life in Palm Springs.

We love living in our beautiful, inclusive world-class city. Unfortunately, the State has taken \$30 million from our city over the last five years, and federal funding is uncertain, leaving us without critical financial resources to maintain the level of public safety and essential services we expect and deserve.

Measure D provides our city with a dedicated local funding source that by law cannot be taken away by the state, county or federal government -- requiring public oversight and independent audits to ensure full transparency in the use of Measure D funds.

Measure D ensures that out-of-towners – estimated to contribute as much as 2/3rds of our sales tax dollars - pay their fair share for police, fire, paramedic, and other essential city services from which they benefit.

Measure D allows the city police and fire department to dedicate officers and firefighters to:

- Put more officers on the street, keep fire stations open and fully staffed, add paramedic services, improve law enforcement and 911 response times – critical to stopping crime and saving lives.
- Ensure our first responders have life-saving equipment they need to provide residents advanced life-support in medical emergencies.
- Help keep gangs and drug dealers out of our city.

Measure D helps address homelessness, increasing access to mental health, substance abuse treatment and job training services, assisting people transitioning off the street, and ensuring our business districts, parks and other public spaces are secure for everyone.

Measure D protects property values, keeping our city a safe, clean and attractive place to live, and in which new businesses will invest.

Join police officers, firefighters, paramedics, doctors, senior citizens, education and local business leaders in voting YES on Measure D.

By: Joe Cook, President, Palm Springs Police Officers' Association
Jeff Kelsheimer, President, Palm Springs Firefighters Association
Nona Watson, Chief Executive Officer, Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce
Mark Marshall, President, Mizell Senior Center Executive Board
Aftab Dada, President, Palm Springs Hospitality / Restaurant Association

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE “D”

Measure D proponents make seriously outrageous claims. ALL of the proposed tax increase will go to the General Fund. Nothing in Measure D promises or dedicates any of the tax money to anything other than the General Fund.

As for the \$30 million the State has taken back in the last five years, much of that money had to be returned because Palm Springs misappropriated redevelopment funds and had to give them back when the State terminated redevelopment in 2012. But in this same five-year period, the 2012 sales tax increase and rising transient occupancy taxes generated over \$150 million in new revenue for our city.

There is no objective evidence whatsoever that out-of-towners pay two-thirds of the sales tax in Palm Springs. That suggestion flies in the face of all logic and reason.

NOTHING in D requires more officers on the street, keeping fire stations open, adding paramedics, or funding any other safety/emergency services.

NOTHING in D requires funds be used for homelessness, mental health, or community services.

NOTHING in D dedicates funds to keeping “gangs and drug dealers out of our city.”

NOTHING in D protects property values or any of the other ridiculous claims made by the proponents' argument.

Do not be deceived by spurious claims and empty promises.

Send the city a message that better management of existing tax revenue needs to occur before asking residents for more.

Vote NO on Measure D.

By: Robert Julian Stone, Author / Journalist
Timothy B. Erkins, Entrepreneur Sales, Marketing & Startup
Bond Shands, Retired
Barbara Beaty, Business Owner

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE “D”

Ballot Argument Against Measure D at the Palm Springs General Municipal Election for the City of Palm Springs to be held on November 7, 2017

Some people believe continuing to do the same thing while expecting a different result is the definition of insanity. In 2011, the City asked voters to approve a 1% general sales tax increase which they promised to use to improve police and fire protection and maintain City services. After approval, they shoveled over \$50 million in cash, and as much as \$100 million more in tax rebates, into the pocket of a downtown developer. The City continues to do business with this developer despite his indictment on felony bribery charges.

Measure J generated over \$63 million in new revenue since its passage, yet the city still cannot control spending without sticking the taxpayers with another bill. During the same period, transient occupancy tax revenue rose from \$15.5 million a year to \$34 million a year. But the City still can't manage its money, and now wants even more.

Do NOT be intimidated by the fear-mongering tactics of City Hall. Measure D rewards incompetence by punishing taxpayers for the City's own poor planning and bad decision-making.

Measure D contains NO requirement whatsoever that the City spend ANY of the proposed half-percent sales tax increase on police and fire protection or essential City services. History suggests more giveaways to developers are likely.

Measure D does nothing to prevent crime. Measure D does nothing to deliver homeless solutions. Measure D does nothing to rein-in growing City pension spending. Measure D will harm small businesses.

Say NO to bad city contracting practices and crony capitalism.

Say NO to out-of-control spending.

Say NO the bully pulpit of City Hall.

Say NO to Measure D.

By: Robert Julian Stone, Author / Journalist
Barbara Beaty, Business Owner
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REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE “D”

The opponents of Measure D haven't done their homework. Many of their statements are inaccurate or untrue.

Public annual audits and a volunteer, citizen oversight committee show that Measure J funds have been spent as promised, including 41 miles of road repairs and replacements, fire station improvements, upgrades to the police training center, Welwood Murray Library, parks and downtown.

Fully transparent Measure J spending history is available at <http://www.palmspringsca.gov>.

The State has taken \$30 million from Palm Springs over the last 5 years and is scheduled to take another \$35-40 million. Measure J alone cannot make up that gap.

We simply cannot rely on the State to adequately fund public safety needs and maintain the quality of life we expect. That is why **Measure D is the best option to address critical needs facing Palm Springs.**

Measure D is essential for Palm Springs public safety:

- Put more police officers on the street.
- Keep fire stations open and fully staffed.
- Add lifesaving paramedic services and shorten 911 response times.

Measure D is urgently needed. An increase in police calls and 911 emergency calls for medical assistance demonstrates demand for essential city services is significantly outgrowing our resources. Measure D replaces an expiring state sales tax with local revenue -- 100% of which will stay in Palm Springs.

Measure D includes strong fiscal accountability: annual audits and public oversight.

Visitors will pay up to 2/3 of Measure D -- making it a smart investment in a safer, stronger Palm Springs.

Please help our firefighters, police and paramedics: Yes on D.

By: Joseph Cook, President, Palm Springs Police Officers Association
Jeff Kelsheimer, President, Palm Springs Firefighters Association
Michael Johnson, Chair, Palm Springs Measure J Commission
Jerry Keller, Owner, Lulu California Bistro, and Board Member, Palm Springs Hospitality Association
Nona Watson, Chief Executive Officer, Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce

MEASURE “E” – CITY OF PALM SPRINGS

ORDINANCE NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, IMPOSING A TAX ON CANNABIS BUSINESS ACTIVITY

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Code Amendment. The Palm Springs Municipal Code is hereby amended to adopt chapter 3.42 regarding Cannabis taxation.

Chapter 3.42 CANNABIS

3.42.010 Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance is to impose a gross receipts tax not to exceed \$0.15 per \$1.00 of gross receipts, on any cannabis business conducted in the City of Palm Springs, as “cannabis business” is defined in section 3.42.020 of this code, with the exception of cannabis cultivation businesses, which are subject to the tax defined in Section 3.42.040, whether or not such cannabis business has a permit under chapter 5.35, 5.45 or 5.55 of this code.

3.42.020 Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply to the construction of this chapter unless the context is such that it is plain a different meaning is intended:

- A. **“Cannabis”** or **“marijuana”** means all parts of the plant *Cannabis sativa* Linnaeus, *Cannabis indica*, or *Cannabis ruderalis*, or any other strain or varietal of the genus *Cannabis* that may exist or hereafter be discovered or developed that has psychoactive or medicinal properties, whether growing or not, including the seeds of such plants. “Cannabis” also means marijuana as defined by section 11018 of the Health and Safety Code and as defined by other state law.
- B. **“Cannabis business”** means the activity of any natural or legal person, business, or collective in the City relating to cannabis, including but not limited to cultivation (including nurseries), transportation, distribution, manufacture, compounding, conversion, processing, preparation, testing, storage, packaging, delivery and sales (wholesale and/or retail sales) of cannabis, cannabis products, or any accessories for the use of cannabis or cannabis products, whether or not carried on for gain or profit, whether or not for medical or adult-use, and whether or not such business is licensed by the state. A cannabis business does not include any business the only relationship of which to cannabis or cannabis products is the production or sale of cannabis accessories.
- C. **“Cannabis cultivation area”** means the total aggregate area(s) of cannabis cultivation on one or more parcels in the City by a cannabis business as measured around the outermost perimeter of each separate and discrete area of cannabis cultivation at the dripline of the canopy expected at maturity and includes, but is not limited to, space between plants within a cultivation area, the exterior dimensions of garden beds, garden plots, hoop houses, green houses, and each room or area where cannabis plants are grown, as determined by the city manager.
- D. **“Cannabis product”** means any product containing cannabis or its derivatives, including, but not limited to, flowers, buds, oils, tinctures, concentrates, extractions, edibles and those products described in section 11018.1 of the Health and Safety Code.
- E. **“Canopy”** means the designated area(s) at a licensed premises that will contain mature plants at any time. If mature plants are cultivated using a shelving system, the surface area of each level shall be included when calculating canopy area. Canopy area shall be expressed in square feet and measured using clearly identifiable boundaries of all areas that will contain mature plants at any time, including the entire area with those boundaries. Canopy may be noncontiguous, but each noncontiguous area shall be defined by an identifiable boundary such as an interior wall or by 10 feet or more feet of open space.
- F. **“City Manager”** has the meaning provided by section 1.06.020 of this code.
- G. **“Commercial cannabis cultivation”** means cultivation conducted by, for, or as part of a cannabis business. Commercial cannabis cultivation does not include personal medical cannabis cultivation, or cultivation for personal adult-use as authorized under the “California Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Initiative” approved by the state’s voters on November 8, 2016, for which the individual receives no compensation whatsoever.
- H. **“Cultivation”** means any activity involving the planting, growing, harvesting, drying, curing, grading, or trimming of cannabis.
- I. **“Cultivator”** means any person engaged in cultivation.
- J. **“Delivery”** means the transfer for any form of compensation of cannabis or cannabis products to a customer or caregiver at a location that is not a dispensary.
- K. **“Dispensary”** means a place at which cannabis, cannabis products, or accessories for the use of cannabis or cannabis products are offered, either individually or in any combination, for retail sale, including an establishment that engages in delivery.
- L. **“Distributor”** means a person engaged in procuring cannabis and/or procuring cannabis products for sale to a dispensary or other point of retail sale. “Distribution” means engaging in that conduct and a “distribution facility” is any real estate, whether or not improved, used

in such conduct.

M. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this code or by regulation authorized by this code, **“gross receipts”** means the total amount actually received or receivable from all sales; the total amount or compensation actually received or receivable for the performance of any act or service, of whatever nature, for which a charge is made or credit allowed, whether or not such act or service is done as a part of or in connection with the sale of materials, goods, wares or merchandise; discounts, rents, royalties, fees, commissions, dividends, and gains realized from trading in stocks or bonds, however designated. Included in **“gross receipts”** shall be all receipts, cash, credits and property of any kind or nature, without any deduction or setoff therefrom on account of the cost of the property sold, the cost of materials used, labor or service costs, interest paid or payable, or losses or other expenses whatsoever.

N. **“Manufacturer”** means a person who engages in the production, preparation, propagation, or compounding of cannabis or cannabis products either directly or indirectly or by extraction methods, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis.

O. **“Nursery”** means a person, facility or activity that transfers for any form of consideration cannabis clones, immature plants, and/or seeds for planting, propagation, and/or cultivation of cannabis.

3.42.030 Gross Receipts Tax.

A. There is hereby imposed on every cannabis business in the City an annual cannabis industry tax at a rate established from time to time by resolution of the City Council that shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of gross receipts. The sole exception to this tax upon gross receipts shall be cannabis cultivation businesses, which are subject to the tax defined in Section 3.42.040. The tax imposed under this section shall be due and payable as provided in section 3.42.100. As noted in section 3.42.040, cultivators shall pay a cultivation tax in lieu of this gross receipts tax.

B. The City Council may by resolution, in its discretion, implement a tax rate lower than the maximum rate established in subsection (A) of this section for all persons engaged in a cannabis business in the City, or establish differing tax rates for different categories of cannabis business, including for medical versus adult-use. The City Council may, by resolution, also decrease or increase any such tax rate from time to time, provided that the tax rate shall not, at any time, exceed the maximum tax rate established in subsection (A) of this section. An affirmative vote of at least four (4) members of the City Council is required for any increase in tax payable pursuant to this section 3.42.030.

C. Cannabis businesses subject to the tax imposed by subsections (A) and (B) of this section shall also register and pay the registration fee described in section 3.42.045, but shall be exempt from paying the general business tax imposed by Title 3, Division II of the Palm Springs Municipal Code. Any cannabis business not subject to the tax imposed by subsections (A) and (B) of this section is subject to the general business tax imposed by Title 3, Division II of the Palm Springs Municipal Code except as otherwise provided by this Code or other applicable law.

3.42.040 Cultivation Tax.

A. Any cannabis business engaged in the cultivation of cannabis shall pay *(i)* the cultivation tax imposed by this section instead of the tax imposed by section 3.42.030 on its cultivation activity and *(ii)* the tax imposed by section 3.42.030 on its other cannabis business activity. The activity of nurseries as defined in section 3.42.020 is subject to the tax imposed by section 3.42.030 rather the tax imposed by this section.

B. There is hereby imposed on every cannabis business engaged in commercial cannabis cultivation in the City, an annual tax in an amount established from time to time by resolution of the City Council which does not exceed either \$10.00 per square foot of cannabis cultivation area or fraction thereof. The maximum square foot tax shall be adjusted annually (and rounded to the nearest cent) each January 1st based on the year-over-year percentage change in Bureau of Labor Statistics Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) October to October comparison, or if such index is discontinued, a comparable or successor consumer price index designated by the City Council. The tax shall be due and payable in installments as provided in section 3.42.100. The tax authorized under this section shall not be implemented unless and until the city council acts by resolution to do so.

C. The city council may by resolution, in its discretion, implement a tax rate lower than the maximum rates set forth in subsection (B) of this section for all businesses engaged in commercial cannabis cultivation in the City or establish tax rates for categories of commercial cannabis cultivation. For example, and without limitation, the City Council may set different tax rates for cannabis cultivation for medical or adult-use, or for indoor rather than outdoor or mixed-light cultivation. The City Council may, by resolution, also decrease or increase any such tax rate from time to time, provided that the tax rate shall not, at any time, exceed the maximum established in subsection (A) of this section. An affirmative vote of at least four (4) members of the City Council is required for any increase in tax payable pursuant to this section 3.42.040.

D. Cannabis businesses engaged in cultivation and subject to the tax imposed by subsections (A) and (B) of this section and liable for the tax imposed by this chapter shall also register and pay the registration fee described in section 3.42.045, but shall be exempt from the general business tax required under Title 3, Division II of the Palm Springs Municipal Code. Any business not subject to the tax imposed by this section 3.42.040 is subject to the general business tax required under Title 3, Division II of the Palm Springs Municipal Code except as otherwise provided by this code or other applicable law.

3.42.045 Registration of Cannabis Business.

A. All persons engaging in a cannabis business, whether an existing, newly-established or acquired business, shall register with the city manager's office by the later of *(i)* 30 days of commencing operation or *(ii)* by January 1, 2018 and shall annually renew such registration no more than a calendar year after the date of the most recent registration. In registering, such persons shall furnish to the City Manager a

sworn statement, upon a form provided by the City Manager, setting forth the following information:

1. The name of the business;
2. The names and addresses of each owner;
3. The nature or kind of all business activity to be conducted;
4. The place or places where such business is to be carried on; and
5. Any further information which the City Manager may require.

B. Such persons shall pay an annual registration fee in an amount established from time to time by resolution of the city council to recover the city's costs to implement the taxes imposed under this chapter, the registration requirement of this section, and the other provisions of this chapter. As a regulatory fee, such fee shall be limited to the City's reasonable regulatory costs.

C. The registration and registration fee shall be collected and enforced in accordance with Title 3, Division II of this code ("Business Tax").

D. The tax registration certificate required and the general business license required under Title 3, Division II of the Palm Springs Municipal Code may constitute a single document.

3.42.050 Payment Obligation.

All taxpayers subject to a tax under this chapter shall pay that tax regardless of any rebate, exemption, incentive, or other reduction set forth elsewhere in this code, except as required by state or federal Law. Failure to pay such a tax shall be subject to penalties, interest charges, and assessments as provided in this chapter and the City may use any or all other code enforcement remedies available at law or in equity. No provision of this code shall be interpreted to reduce a tax rate established under this chapter or otherwise reduce the taxes paid hereunder unless the provision specifically expresses that reduction.

3.42.060 City Council Authorization to Adjust Rates.

The city council may impose a tax authorized by this chapter at a lower rate and may establish exemptions, incentives, or other reductions, and penalties and interest charges or assessments for failure to pay the tax when due, as otherwise allowed by the city charter and California law. No action by the city council under this section shall prevent it from later increasing the tax or removing any exemption, incentive, or reduction, and restoring the maximum tax authorized by this chapter provided only that the maximum taxes stated in section 3.42.030, subsection (A) and 3.42.040, subsection (B) may not be increased without voter approval.

3.42.070 Tax Payment Does Not Authorize Activity.

The payment of a tax imposed under this chapter shall not be construed to authorize the conduct or continuance of any illegal business or of a legal business in an illegal manner. Nothing in this chapter authorizes or implies the lawfulness of any activity connected with the distribution or possession of cannabis unless otherwise authorized and allowed in strict and full conformance with this code, including without limitation chapters 5.35, 5.45 and 5.55. Nothing in this chapter shall be applied or construed as authorizing the sale of cannabis.

3.42.080 Cannabis Tax Is Not a Sales Tax.

The taxes provided for under this chapter are excises on the privilege of doing business in the City and legally incident on those engaged in such business. It is not a sales or use tax and shall not be calculated or assessed as such. Nevertheless, at the option of the taxpayer, the tax may be separately identified on invoices, receipts and other evidences of transactions.

3.42.090 Amendments and Administration.

A. Voters approved this chapter. Any amendment to this chapter to increase the tax above the maximum rates provided requires further voter approval. The voters authorize the city council to set the tax at or below that maximum or otherwise to amend, modify, change, or revise any provision of this chapter as the city council deems in the best interest of the city.

B. The city manager, in consultation with the city attorney, may promulgate rules, regulations, and procedures to implement and administer this chapter to ensure the efficient and timely collection of the taxes and fee imposed by this chapter, including without limitation, formulation and implementation of penalties and interest to be assessed for failure to pay the taxes as provided. Notice of such regulations shall be given as required for ordinances of the city council and such regulations shall be immediately effective when such notice is given unless a different effective date is provided by a regulation.

C. The city manager shall annually audit the cannabis taxes imposed by this chapter to verify that tax revenues have been properly collected and expended in accordance with the law.

D. Pursuant to California Constitution, article XIII B, the appropriation limit for the City is increased to the maximum extent over the maximum period of time allowed under law consistent with the revenues generated by the taxes and fee imposed by this chapter.

3.42.100 Returns and Remittances.

The Tax shall be due and payable as follows:

A. Each cannabis business owing tax shall provide a tax return to the city manager on or before the last business day of each month stating the tax owed and the basis of its calculation for the preceding month. The taxpayer shall remit the tax owed to the city manager when the return is due whether or not a return is filed as required.

B. All tax returns shall be completed on forms provided by the city manager.

C. Tax returns and payments for all outstanding taxes, fees, penalties and interest owed the city are immediately due upon cessation of business for any reason.

D. Whenever any payment, statement, report, request or other communication is received by the city manager after the time prescribed by this section for its receipt, but is in an envelope postmarked on or before the date prescribed by this section for its receipt, the city manager shall regard such payment, statement, report, request, or other communication as timely. If the due date falls on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday, the due date shall be the last earlier business day on which City Hall is open to the public.

E. Unless otherwise specifically provided by this chapter, the taxes imposed by this chapter shall be deemed delinquent if not paid on or before the due date specified in subsection A of this section.

F. The city manager need not send a delinquency or other notice or bill to any person subject to a tax or fee imposed by this chapter and failure to send such notice or bill shall not affect the validity of any tax, fee, interest or penalty due under this chapter.

3.42.110 Failure to Pay Timely.

A. Any person who fails or refuses to pay any tax or fee imposed by this chapter when due shall pay penalties and interest as follows:

1. A penalty equal to 25 percent of the tax or fee; and
2. An additional penalty equal to 25 percent of the amount of the tax or fee if unpaid for a more than a month beyond the due date; and
3. Unpaid tax, fee, penalties shall bear 1 percent interest per month from the date due until paid.

B. If a check is submitted in payment of a tax or fee and is returned unpaid by the bank upon which drawn, and the check is not redeemed before the due date, the taxpayer will be liable for the tax or fee due plus penalties and interest as provided for in this section plus any amount allowed under state law for the returned check.

C. The tax due shall be that amount due and payable from the later of *(i)* the effective date of the taxes under this chapter as determined by resolution of the city council or *(ii)* the first date on which the cannabis business first operated in the city.

D. The city manager may waive some or all of the penalties imposed by this section as to any person if:

1. The person provides evidence satisfactory to the city manager that failure to pay timely was due to circumstances beyond the control of the person and occurred notwithstanding the exercise of ordinary care and the absence of willful neglect, and the person paid the delinquent tax or fee and accrued interest owed the city upon applying for a waiver.
2. A waiver authorized by this subsection shall not apply to tax, fee or interest and may be granted only once during any 24-month period.

3.42.120 Refunds.

A. No refund shall be made of any tax collected pursuant to this chapter, except as provided in this section.

B. No refund of any tax collected pursuant to this chapter shall be made because of the discontinuation, dissolution, or other termination of a cannabis business.

C. Any person entitled to a refund of sums paid under this chapter may elect to have such refund applied as a credit against future obligations under this chapter.

D. Whenever any tax, fee, penalty, or interest under this chapter has been overpaid, paid more than once, or has been erroneously or illegally collected or received by the city, such amount shall be refunded to the person who paid the tax upon a timely written claim for refund filed with the city manager.

E. The city manager may examine and audit all the books and business records of the claimant to determine eligibility to the claimed refund. No claim for refund shall be allowed if the claimant refuses to allow such examination of the claimant's books and business records.

F. A sum erroneously paid under this chapter due to an error of the city shall be refunded to the claimant in full upon a timely claim. If an error is attributable to the claimant, the city may retain an amount established by resolution of the city council from time to time in an amount sufficient to recover the city's cost to process the claim and refund the balance.

G. The city manager shall initiate a refund of any sum overpaid or erroneously collected under this chapter whenever the overpayment or erroneous collection is disclosed by a City audit for the period of time unprotected by the duty to file a timely claim under the Government Claims Act.

3.42.125 Enforcement.

A. The city manager shall enforce this chapter.

B. The city manager may audit and examine all business locations, books and records of cannabis businesses, including both state and

federal income tax returns, California sales tax returns, or other evidence documenting the gross receipts of a cannabis business to ascertain any tax due under this chapter and to verify any returns or other information any person submits to the city under this chapter. If a cannabis business, after written demand by the city manager, refuses to make available for audit, examination or verification such locations, books, and records as the city manager requests, the city manager may, after full consideration of all such information as is available make an assessment of tax or fee due and demand payment from the tax- or fee-payer, together with any penalties and interest due for late payment.

C. The conviction and punishment of any person for failure to pay a sum required under this chapter shall not excuse or exempt such person from any civil action for the debt. No civil action shall prevent a criminal prosecution for any violation of this chapter or of any state law requiring the payment of all taxes. No election of remedies shall apply to the enforcement of this chapter or any other provision of this code and the city may pursue one or more remedies in its discretion provided only that no double recovery shall be permitted.

D. Any person violating any of the provision of this chapter or any regulation or rule adopted pursuant to it, or knowingly or intentionally misrepresenting any material fact to the city in procuring a certificate or document from the city under this chapter, or under chapter 5.35, 5.45, or 5.55, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor unless the city attorney, in his or her discretion, elects to prosecute it as an infraction.

E. In addition to the penalty imposed for a failure to timely pay any tax or fee imposed by this chapter imposed pursuant to Section 3.42.110, the City Attorney shall have the discretion to issue an administrative citation with respect to said failure, and impose an administrative fine in the amount of \$5,000 for each month that any payment of tax is overdue. Each cannabis business subject to any such administrative citation and fine shall have the opportunity to appeal same pursuant to Chapter 2.50 of this Code.

F. In the event that any appeal as to an administrative citation and fine pursuant to this Section 3.42.125, or any other action in relation thereto takes place, the City shall be entitled to recover its attorneys' fees and administrative costs incurred unless the appeal in question is granted, or the cannabis business initiating any other action is the prevailing party.

3.40.130 Consistency with Business Tax Rules.

The People of the City of Palm Springs intend this chapter to be enforced consistently with Title 3, Division II of this code and any rule or regulation promulgated under that division except as expressly provided to the contrary in this chapter.

3.42.135 Successor And Assignee Responsibility.

A. If any person, while liable for any amount under this chapter, sells, assigns or otherwise transfers half or more of a taxed cannabis business, whether voluntarily or involuntarily; the person's successor, assignee or other transferee, or other person or entity obtaining ownership or control of the business ("transferee") shall pay that amount when due. A transferee shall notify the city manager of a transfer 30 days before the transfer date; or if the agreement to sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the business is made less than 30 days before the date of transfer, on the first day City Hall is open for business after the transfer.

B. A transferee shall be deemed to have satisfied an unpaid liability if the transferee complies with the requirements of California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7283.5 and this section by withholding from the purchase price, for the benefit of the city, an amount sufficient to cover the liability, or by otherwise paying the liability and obtaining from the city manager a "Tax Clearance Certificate" showing that all outstanding liability has been paid through the date of transfer.

C. Within 90 days of receiving a written request from a Transferee, the city manager may issue a "Tax Clearance Certificate" stating either the amount due as to the business under this chapter, or stating that there is no liability due for the business through a stated date. The city manager may also request financial records from the transferor to audit the amount due under this chapter. The city manager shall issue a tax clearance certificate within 30 days of completing the audit, stating any amount owed, unless the city manager determines the records provided for audit are insufficient to determine whether taxes, fees, penalties and/or interest are due and in what amounts. If so, the city manager may rely on available information to estimate any amount due and shall issue a tax clearance certificate stating that amount. A written application for an appeal hearing on the amount assessed on a tax clearance certificate must be made within 10 days after the city manager serves or mails the certificate. The appeal provision of section 3.68.010 of this code shall apply. If a timely application for a hearing is not made, the tax clearance certificate shall serve as conclusive evidence of the liability under this chapter associated with the business through the date stated on the certificate.

3.42.140 Debts; Deficiencies; Assessments.

A. The amount of any tax, fee, penalties, and interest imposed by this chapter shall be deemed a debt to the city and any person operating a cannabis business without first having procured a business tax license as provided in Division II of Title 3 of this code shall be liable in an action in the name of the city in any court of competent jurisdiction for the amount due.

B. If no return or statement is timely filed, or if the city manager is not satisfied that any return or other statement filed under this chapter is correct, or that the amount due is correctly computed, the city manager may determine that amount and make a deficiency determination upon available information. The city manager may make one or more deficiency determinations for a period or periods. When a person discontinues engaging in a business, the city manager may make a deficiency determination at any time within three years thereafter as to any liability arising from engaging in such business whether or not a deficiency determination is issued before the date the tax would otherwise be due. Whenever a deficiency determination is made, a notice shall be given to the person concerned as are notices of assessment under subsections C, D, and E of this section.

C. Under any of the following circumstances, the city manager may make and give notice of an assessment of taxes, fees, penalties and interest owed under this chapter:

1. If the person has not filed any statement or return required by this chapter;

2. If the person has not paid any tax, fee, penalty or interest due under this Ordinance;
3. If the person has not, after demand by the city manager, filed a corrected statement or return, or adequate substantiation of the information contained in a statement or return previously filed, or paid any additional amount due under this chapter;
4. If the city manager determines nonpayment of any amount due under this chapter or Division II of Title 3 is due to fraud, a penalty of 25 percent of the amount of otherwise due shall be added thereto in addition to penalties and interest otherwise stated in this chapter.
5. The notice of assessment shall separately set forth any amount the city manager knows or estimates to be due under this chapter, including any penalties or interest accrued to the date of the notice.

D. A notice of assessment shall be served upon the tax- or fee-payer either by personal service or by a deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the address appearing on the business tax certificate issued under Division II of Title 3, or such other address as he or she may provide the city manager in writing for notices under this chapter or that Division II; or, should the person have no business tax certificate issued and no address provided to the city manager for such purpose, then to such person's last known address. Service by mail is complete upon deposit in the United States mail as provided in this paragraph.

E. Within 10 days after service of a notice of assessment, the tax- or fee-payer may apply in writing to the City Manager for a hearing on the assessment. If no timely application for a hearing is made, the amount assessed shall be final and conclusive. Within 30 days of the receipt of an application for hearing, the city manager shall cause the matter to be set for hearing before a hearing officer pursuant to section 1.06.050 of this code. The city manager shall give notice of such hearing to the person requesting it not later than five days before the hearing. At such hearing, the applicant may appear and offer evidence why the assessment should not be confirmed. After such hearing, the hearing officer shall determine the amount due under this chapter and shall give written notice to the person as prescribed in this chapter for giving notice of assessment. That decision is final as to the city, but either the city or the applicant may seek judicial review as provided by California Code of Civil Procedure section 1094.5.

Section 2. AMENDMENT. This Ordinance may be repealed or amended by the City Council without a vote of the People except as follows: as required by Article XIII C of the California Constitution, any amendment that increases the amount or rate of tax beyond the levels authorized by this Ordinance may not take effect unless approved by a vote of the People. The City Council may impose the tax in any amount or rate which does not exceed the rate approved by the voters of the City.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby. The People hereby declare that they would have adopted this Ordinance and each portion thereof regardless of the fact that an invalid portion or portions may have been present in the Ordinance.

SECTION 4. CEQA. This measure to be submitted to the voters adopts a general tax to fund any legitimate purpose of the City. As such, under CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), the tax is not a project within the meaning of CEQA because it creates a government funding mechanism that does not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment. Therefore, under CEQA Guidelines section 15060, review under CEQA is not required.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance relates to the levying and collecting of the City's cannabis tax and shall not take effect until ten days after the certification of its approval by the majority of the voters voting at the general municipal election to be held on November 7, 2017 pursuant to Elections Code section 9217.

SECTION 6. SUSPENSION OF CANNABIS AND MARIJUANA TAX. While the taxes imposed by this Ordinance are in effect, the tax imposed by Chapter 3.35 of the Palm Springs Municipal Code shall be suspended. Should either of the taxes in this Ordinance be repealed, suspended, invalidated, ruled unenforceable or otherwise rendered ineffective, the tax imposed by Chapter 3.35 of the Palm Springs Municipal Code shall return to force without further action by the voters of the City.

SECTION 7. CERTIFICATION; PUBLICATION. Upon approval by the voters, the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause it to be published according to law.

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE “E”

Palm Springs Cannabis Business Taxation

This measure would update and replace the existing tax on cannabis in the City of Palm Springs in connection with a new City ordinance regulating cannabis businesses. Now, the only cannabis tax paid in the City comes from “collectives.” On July 26, 2017, the City Council unanimously adopted a new cannabis ordinance reflecting changes in state law. The new ordinance updates the municipal code sections that cover medical cannabis businesses in the City beyond these collectives. The ordinance also applies to new adult-use cannabis businesses that open. This measure’s updated tax is linked to this new ordinance; the City will issue permits under this new ordinance if this tax measure is approved by the voters. A simple majority of voters, *i.e.*, more than 50%, must approve this tax before it can take effect.

All cannabis taxes under this measure would be paid monthly. This measure would extend the maximum 15% tax rate on collectives’ gross receipts to all cannabis businesses, with the exception of cultivation (grows), taxed separately. This is not a sales tax. Consumers will not pay this tax, cannabis businesses will. Its rate may vary depending upon the kind of cannabis business taxed. Even though the maximum rate on collectives is 15%, the current rate paid is 10%. Like the tax on collectives, under this measure the Council would set and adjust the gross receipts tax rate by resolution. This measure would tax cultivation at a rate up to \$10.00 per square foot of grow area, adjustable yearly.

Under this measure, cannabis businesses would annually register, and pay a registration fee. Payment of tax and registration alone would not allow a cannabis business to operate; a business must have a permit issued under the July 26, 2017 ordinance.

The money from this tax would go in the City’s general fund, and could be used for any City purpose, including: fire and police protection, paramedic service, street, park and public facility cleaning, repair and maintenance, police and fire equipment, and other public needs identified by the Council. Public needs would include coverage of City costs that relate to cannabis business, but can’t be recovered through permit or registration fees (such as community programs, like drug education or prevention).

The tax will be subject to an annual review through a public and independent audit. A certified public accounting firm with expertise in California municipal finance will perform the audit, including an analysis of the City’s cannabis tax receipts, and how they are spent. The Council must post the audit report on the City’s website, and discuss its results at a public meeting.

By: Edward Z. Kotkin, Palm Springs City Attorney

The above is an impartial analysis of Measure E. A complete copy of the tax ordinance appears on the City’s website at www.palmspringsca.gov. If you want a copy of the ordinance, please call (760) 323-8204 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE “E”

Vote YES on Measure E -- a common sense proposal that updates Palm Springs’ health and safety laws now that California has legalized adult-use marijuana.

With Measure E, we can safely welcome adult-use of cannabis into our community, protecting our neighborhoods, natural environment, and quality of life.

All funds raised by Measure E will be subject to Palm Springs’ annual audit and public oversight. Every penny will be used in the City of Palm Springs, to benefit our community.

California voters approved the legalization of adult-use of cannabis, but state government hasn’t provided cities like Palm Springs any funding to cover its costs. As cannabis use in our area expands, we must make sure our City has monitoring tools, and ensures public health and safety.

Measure E supports “common sense” regulations to ensure proper location and monitoring of cannabis cultivation, processing, and sales in Palm Springs.

Measure E makes sure cannabis businesses pay their fair share by providing the City with the financial resources to enforce cannabis regulations and oversee cannabis businesses, without taxing local residents.

Measure E funds cannabis-related programs such as drug education for at-risk youth.

Without Measure E, oversight of this new industry will impact Palm Springs’ ability to fund other services – such as street and road repairs or public safety.

Measure E does not authorize additional cannabis dispensaries or businesses. It simply preserves the right of our community to apply a local tax to these businesses as they profit from operating here.

Measure E preserves limited city dollars for city services and programs and ensures all revenue generated by this tax will stay in Palm Springs.

Measure E is supported by residents, community leaders, healthcare professionals and local public safety leaders.

Vote “Yes” on Measure E.

By: Jeff Kelsheimer, President, Palm Springs Firefighters Association
James G. Williamson, Board Member, Palm Springs Unified School District
Les Zendle, MD, Director, Desert Healthcare District
Fred Jandt, Trustee, College of the Desert

NO ARGUMENT FILED AGAINST MEASURE “E”

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



AT THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE

2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside, CA 92507
October 10 through November 6
(excluding Holidays)

Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 28 and November 4
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

AND AT THE PALM SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Learning Center
300 S. Sunrise Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262-7639
Friday, October 27 and Saturday, October 28
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



VOTE-BY-MAIL

You can request your **OFFICIAL VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT** by using the application on the back of this County Voter Information Guide. Return your vote-by-mail ballot by mail or at the following drop-off locations throughout Riverside County October 10 to November 6:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City Clerk's Offices (as listed)• The Registrar of Voters Office up until close of polls on Election Day.• The Registrar of Voters 24-hour Drop Box is available east of the main entry doors.• At any Polling Place within the State of California on Election Day.	<p><u>Participating City Clerk's Offices</u></p> <p>Banning Blythe Desert Hot Springs Indian Wells La Quinta Palm Desert Palm Springs Perris</p>	<p>Please visit our website for all of the drop-off locations throughout Riverside County at</p> <p><u>WWW.VOTEINFO.NET</u></p> <p>or</p> <p>call our office at (951) 486-7200 or (800) 773-VOTE(8683)</p>



Conditional Voter Registration

Effective January 1, 2017, Conditional Voter Registration is available to eligible voters in California pursuant to Election Codes 2170 through 2173.

Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) extends the existing 15-day registration deadline to eligible voters, allowing them to register and vote 14 days prior to an election through Election Day. An eligible voter would need to register directly in the office of the Riverside County Registrar of Voters, located at 2724 Gateway Drive, in Riverside, CA 92507 to conditionally register to vote and vote a provisional ballot.

Voters may register online at www.registertovote.ca.gov, however, **CVR ballots will only be issued at the office of the Registrar of Voters.**

In order to conditionally register, the voter must first complete an affidavit of registration (also known as a Voter Registration Card). Once the registration is submitted, the Registrar of Voters will issue a CVR provisional ballot to vote.

The affidavit will be processed and once the eligibility is determined and validated, the registration will become permanent and the CVR provisional ballot will be counted.

Conditional Voter Registrations are treated and processed in the same manner as other registrations; CVR provisional ballots are treated and processed the same as other provisional ballots.

If you have any questions regarding Conditional Voter Registration, please call (951) 486-7200 or toll free (800) 773-VOTE (8683).

You may check the status of your voter registration at www.voteinfo.net/AmIRegistered.

CVR was enacted in 2012, to be operative on January 1st after the certification of a statewide voter registration database. VoteCal, California's statewide voter registration database, was certified on September 26, 2016; CVR became operative as of January 1, 2017.



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 ★ registered where you currently live
- ★ at least 18 years old ★ 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** within the state of California.

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.

SPECIAL NOTICE

- Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the day indicated in the posted county Voter Information Guide.
- Specific instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a provisional ballot, can be obtained from a poll worker or by reading the information mailed to you by your local elections official.
- If you are a newly registered voter, you may be asked to provide appropriate identification or other documentation according to federal law. But please note that every individual has the right to cast a provisional ballot even if he or she does not provide the documentation.
- It is against the law to represent yourself as being eligible to vote unless you meet all of the requirements to vote under federal and state law.
- It is against the law to tamper with voting equipment.

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).



On the web at www.sos.ca.gov



By phone at (800) 345-VOTE (8683)



By email at elections@sos.ca.gov

IMPORTANT DATES



October 10

First day you can vote

October 23

Registration Deadline

October 31

Last day to request a
Vote-by-Mail ballot

November 7, ELECTION DAY

Vote at your polling place, drop off your Vote-by-Mail ballot at any polling location 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:
Completing a registration application 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 or online.

**For more information visit www.voteinfo.net
or call (951) 486-7200 or (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 guide 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 guide, 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 10 - November 6 (excluding Holidays), Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, October 28 and November 4, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Election Day, November 7, 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. If you require Curbside Voting assistance you may call (877) 663-9906 before going to your assigned polling place and/or when you arrive at the facility. An Election Officer will be contacted prior to your arrival to meet you at the curb.

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



NONPROFIT
U.S. POSTAGE
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Registrar of Voters
Riverside

VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 31, 2017.

I hereby request a ballot for the Consolidated General Election, November 7, 2017.

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME AS REGISTERED

RESIDENCE ADDRESS AS REGISTERED

CITY STATE ZIP

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

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

SIGNATURE OF VOTER

DATE

MAIL BALLOT TO:

ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT)

CITY STATE ZIP

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

↓ POSTMASTER DELIVER TO ↓

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✓ **You May Cast Your Vote Early**
At

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VOTE EARLY

IT'S QUICK

IT'S EASY

IT'S CONVENIENT

GET OUT OF LINE ON ELECTION DAY!

VOTE-BY-MAIL

Please visit our website at www.voteinfo.net for
additional early voting locations and information.

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

↓ LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE ↓



ACCESS?

