

Argument in favor of Measure _____

The purpose of the utility user tax proposal is to approve a continuation of the 2.5% fee that was increased by City Council two years ago and, change the nomenclature to a tax instead of a fee. The franchise fee was increased to close a budget shortfall 2 years ago with the assumption revenue shortfalls would be short lived.

Early 2012 the State Legislature eliminated all Redevelopment Agency revenue. So, there is a need to continue the 2.5% fee to provide essential city services such as police, fire, parks and recreation, road maintenance, etc. at current levels. The ordinance states a utility user tax of UP TO 2.5 % will be applied.

Recently passed Proposition 26, states a fee is a tax, and the electorate has a vote on any changes. Your City government has agreed a continuation of the 2.5% fee needs voter approval, and to change the name of the 2.5% fee to a utility user tax. Your utility rates will not change. A yes vote on this proposal is Status Quo! Current rates will be adjusted to back out the 2.5% then a line item will be added to your bill showing the utility user tax.

The revenue from continuation of this 2.5% will stay in Needles supporting our community. The City Budget is Bare Bones - No Frills. VOTE YES ON MEASURE _____ - THE CITY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT.

Thank you

Councilmember Terry Campbell and Councilmember Linda Kidd, Council Budget Committee.

TERRY CAMPBELL
Printed Name

Terry Campbell
Signature

7/30/12
Date

Linda Kidd
Printed Name

Linda Kidd
Signature

07-30-2012
Date

ARGUMENTS

FORM OF STATEMENT TO BE FILED BY AUTHORS OF ARGUMENTS

All arguments concerning measures filed pursuant to Division 9, Chapter 3 (beginning with § 9200) of the Elections Code shall be accompanied by the following form statement **to be signed** by each proponent, and by each author, if different, of the argument:

The undersigned proponents or author(s) of the primary argument in favor of ballot proposition 2.5% Utility User Tax at the General Municipal Election for the City of Needles to be held on November 6, 2012 hereby state that the argument is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Print <u>Ferry E Campbell</u>	Signature <u>Ferry E Campbell</u>
Title <u>Councilman</u>	Date <u>7/30/12</u>

Print <u>Linda Kidd</u>	Signature <u>Linda Kidd</u>
Title <u>Councilwoman</u>	Date <u>07-30-2012</u>