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**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE TO EXTEND THE UTILITY USER TAX**

This measure will extend the Utility User Tax for five (5) additional years.

The Utility User Tax is a tax on utility charges to Rialto businesses and residents except senior citizens.

Unless extended by this measure, the Utility User Tax will expire on June 30, 2013.

In the 2013/14 fiscal year, the City of Rialto will receive \$49.3 million in revenue from all sources including revenues from property taxes, sales taxes and the Utility User Tax. By itself, the Utility User Tax will generate \$11.2 Million. The Utility User Tax alone accounts for twenty-four percent (24%) of all City revenues.

This measure is on the ballot because the City of Rialto has determined that the loss of \$11 Million in revenues will require very large reductions in all service levels including police and fire services.

The People of the City of Rialto have the exclusive authority to extend the Utility User Tax under Proposition 218, which was adopted as a state ballot measure in 1996. Therefore, the Rialto City Council does not have the authority to extend this tax.

This measure gives the People of the City of Rialto the opportunity to maintain existing service levels for all of its citizens. The effects on Rialto's Utility User Tax ordinances are as follows:

- Section 3.16.230 will be amended to extend the Utility User Tax to June 30, 2018.
- The rate will remain at eight percent (8%).
- Senior citizens will continue to be exempted from paying this tax on their utility charges.

This impartial analysis has been prepared by Jimmy L. Gutierrez, Rialto City Attorney, pursuant to Elections Code Section 9280.

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