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The undersigned proponents or authors of the rebuttal argument against ballot proposition Transient Occupancy Tax Increase at the General Municipal Election for the City of Needles to be held on November 4, 2014 hereby state that the argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

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Title <u>City Council</u>		Date <u>7-24-2014</u>
Print <u>TERRY CAMPBELL</u>	Name	Signature <u>[Signature]</u>
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Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure \_\_\_

Tourist destinations within the State not only have Transient Occupancy Taxes (TOT) on their room bills, they have resort and use taxes. The State also has a voluntary \$1 tourism tax. Hotel Taxes in California - balotpedia is a web page where you can see the current and past initiatives other cities have proposed which are in place.

The hospitality industry does not have to raise room rates to pay this tax! They are the tax collector as it is an item on the bill however it is paid by the occupant. Example: room rate of \$35.99 plus 10% TOT of \$3.60 totals \$39.59. The additional 2% TOT would be an increase of only 0.72¢. The tax is a percentage of the nightly room rate and is remitted to the City monthly!

This measure will also permit the city to collect on vacation rentals (less than 30 days) that are conducting business in our city and not paying any TOT as other businesses currently do.

The City has declining revenues and increased demands on those revenues, especially with Public Safety (police/fire). Our employees are on furlough, 4 employees were laid off, no cost of living adjustment since 2010, and we negotiated a labor contract where employees pay their retirement costs.

We agree with the opponents that Needles is struggling economically thus, this is an attempt to generate additional revenue that places NO burden on our citizens and businesses as the tax is paid by the traveling public who use our accommodations.

*Linda J. Kidd*  
*Linda J. Kidd, Councilmember 7/24/2014*

*TERRY CAMPBELL*  
*Terry Campbell councilmember 7/25/2014*

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