



Voter Information Guide and Sample Ballot

**Consolidated Election
Tuesday, November 7, 2017**

**Elections Office of the Registrar of Voters
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What's in this Guide?

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Election Information

The San Bernardino County Elections Office is conducting the 2017 Consolidated Election for the following jurisdictions:

- City of Barstow
- City of Victorville
- Cucamonga Valley Water District
- Fontana Unified School District
- San Bernardino City Unified School District
- West Valley Water District

Important Election Dates

Tuesday, October 10	Early voting begins
Wednesday, October 11	Mail Ballots delivered to U.S. Post Office
Monday, October 23	Voter registration deadline
Tuesday, October 31	Deadline to apply for a Mail Ballot
Tuesday, November 7	Election Day

Voter Registration



You received this *Voter Information Guide* because you are a registered voter in at least one of the jurisdictions listed above.

You should re-register to vote when you move to a new residence, change your mailing address, change your name, or change your party preference.



To register or re-register:

- Online - Go to **registertovote.ca.gov**.
- In Person - Pick up a Voter Registration Application at various locations throughout the County. Visit **SBCountyElections.com**.
- By Mail - Request a Voter Registration Application to be mailed to you. Call **(800) 881-VOTE** or email **voterregistrations@sbcountyelections.com**.



NEW: If you miss the October 23 voter registration deadline, you can go to the Elections Office to register and vote a provisional ballot. Call **(800) 881-VOTE** for more information.

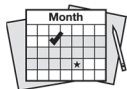
Three Ways to Vote



Vote by Mail:

To vote by mail, you must be a permanent Mail Ballot voter, or request a Mail Ballot by October 31.

- Apply ONLINE to receive a Mail Ballot by visiting **SBCountyElections.com** or by completing the application on the back of this guide.
- Return your voted Mail Ballot:
 - Mail via the U.S. Postal Service
 - Drop off at:
 - Any drop-off location or the Elections Office
 - Any polling place on Election Day
 - Visit **SBCountyElections.com** for locations



Vote Early at:

- San Bernardino County Elections Office
 - 777 E. Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino
 - October 10 through November 6
Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Election Day, November 7, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.






Vote on Election Day at:








- Your assigned polling place from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. For your assigned polling place, refer to the back of this guide, visit **SBCountyElections.com** or call **(800) 881-VOTE**.

Voting Instructions

Marking your official ballot

1. Use a BLACK or BLUE pen or a #2 pencil.
2. To vote, connect the arrow   pointing to your choice with a single line like this: 

Example:

Contest Name	
Vote for one	
Candidate A	 
Candidate B	
Candidate C	 
(Write-In / En-escrito)	 

3. Do not vote for more candidates than the number indicated for each contest. If you vote for more, your vote will not count for that contest.
4. To vote for a candidate whose name is not on the ballot, print the name of the candidate on the blank write-in line and connect the arrow pointing to that candidate.
5. If you make a mistake or damage your ballot, request a replacement ballot.

Marking your sample ballot

1. On the following pages, you will find your sample ballot.
2. For your convenience, you may pre-mark your sample ballot and take it with you to your polling place to assist you in marking your official ballot.

SAMPLE BALLOT

Consolidated Election

November 7, 2017

School Offices

**Member, Governing Board,
Fontana Unified School District**

Vote for One

KAREEM GONGORA

Communications Specialist / Businessman



MARS SERNA

Community Education Liaison



(Write-In)



**Member, Governing Board,
San Bernardino City Unified
School District**

Vote for no more than Three

MAYRA CEBALLOS



BOULOS HADDAD



ANTHONY G. JONES

Radiology Assistant / Broker



DANNY TILLMAN

Incumbent



ROBERT N. FICK

Teacher



BARBARA FLORES

Incumbent



EDUARDO ALBERTO VALVERDE

Businessman



ABIGAIL M. MEDINA

Incumbent



PAM MONTANA

Children Services Liaison



(Write-In)



(Write-In)



(Write-In)



District Offices

**Member, Board of Directors,
Cucamonga Valley Water District**

Vote for no more than Three

DANNY GARCIA



LUIS CETINA

Member, Board of Directors



JAMES V. CURATALO JR.

Retired Firefighter / Director



RANDALL JAMES REED

Director, Cucamonga Valley Water District



(Write-In)



(Write-In)



(Write-In)



**Member, Board of Directors,
West Valley Water District,
Full Term**

Vote for no more than Two

LINDA GONZALEZ

Member, Board of Directors



ANTHONY ARAIZA

Retired



CLIFFORD YOUNG SR.

Incumbent



MICHAEL TAYLOR

Chief of Police



(Write-In)



(Write-In)



**Member, Board of Directors,
West Valley Water District,
Short Term**

Vote for One

ROBERT J. BOURLAND

Appointed Incumbent



KYLE NELSON CROWTHER

Police Officer



(Write-In)



Measures Submitted to the Voters

City of Barstow - Measure J

TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX. To provide long-term sustainability, adequate resources for emergency response, and more equitably spread the cost of Barstow Fire Protection District's services across the population it serves, including 60,000,000 annual non-resident travelers who consume taxable goods and services in Barstow, shall an ordinance be adopted to increase the sales tax by one-half of one percent, providing \$3.8 million dollars annually, expiring if the Barstow Fire Protection District is transferred to an agency outside the City?

YES ☐ ☐

NO ☐ ☐

City of Victorville - Measure K

VICTORVILLE PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES SPECIAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX. To address crime issues, respond quickly to fires and medical emergencies, and make Victorville safer by adding 10 new police and 15 new firefighter/paramedics, shall Ordinance No. 2371 be adopted to impose a one-half percent (0.5%) transactions and use ("sales") tax, estimated to raise \$8.5 million annually, with all funds restricted to use on public safety services within Victorville?

YES ☐ ☐

NO ☐ ☐

Candidate Statements

The Candidate Statements that appear in this guide provide each candidate an opportunity to speak to voters regarding his or her background, education, qualifications, and platform.

Including a statement in this guide is at the option of the candidates and those that choose to do so are required to purchase the space. Some candidates choose not to purchase space for a statement; therefore this guide may not contain a statement for every candidate on your ballot.

The following pages may contain statements for candidates for the following offices appearing on your ballot:

- School Offices
- District Offices

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD
FONTANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

NAME: KAREEM GONGORA

OCCUPATION: Businessman/HR Specialist

I grew up in Fontana, and I am a product of the Fontana Unified School District. I care about this community and its children. As an involved parent of three children and member of several parent leadership organizations, I have had the opportunity to witness the District's successes as well as areas that require improvements.

As Fontana continues to grow, we must work together to improve our education system, build collaborative partnerships with community organizations and businesses, and prepare students for limitless opportunities.

Upon graduating from the Fontana Unified School District, I earned both a bachelor's and a master's degree. I have since worked as a youth coach and after-school mentor, while supporting local and state leaders on legislation that has helped make our schools better, safer and equitable.

If elected, my goals are to:

- Keep Our Kids Safe by investing in public safety,
- Keep Tax Dollars In The Classroom by ensuring fiscal responsibility and transparent oversight, and
- Support Our Teachers by providing resources, training, and materials for success.

Thank you for considering my candidacy for the Fontana Unified School District Board, and please visit my website at www.GongoraforSchoolBoard.com to learn more.

NAME: MARS SERNA

AGE: 50

OCCUPATION: Education

Mars Serna is a parent with children attending Fontana Unified schools, a local adjunct college professor, and a specialist with the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools. Clearly, better schools are Mars Serna's passion. He understands the importance of putting children first.

As a full-time education specialist, Mars Serna supports 33 school districts with family and community engagement initiatives. Due to Mars' leadership, districts now have greater parental and stakeholder participation in schools and have grown more involved in local decision making. Mars Serna's professional career has always been about prioritizing the needs of students. Mars' plan for a better FUSD is to unite district leaders to ensure that the interests of students are not held captive to political self-interests. It's time to end petty politics.

Mars Serna's experience in education has always been about putting children and families first. FUSD parents know Mars will always be an advocate for kids. We need his leadership to ensure our students are prepared for their future, whether it be vocational arts or advanced education. He is dedicated to creating a brighter tomorrow for FUSD kids.

For more information, please visit www.mars4fontanaschools.com. Thank you.
Mars Serna

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, GOVERNING BOARD
SAN BERNARDINO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

NAME: ANTHONY G. JONES

OCCUPATION: Planning Commissioner/Parent/Real Estate Broker

"Students First. Politics Never" is my commitment. The greatest gift we can give our children is the gift of a quality education! As a husband and parent, I will bring strong family values to the school board. As a graduate of the San Bernardino Unified School District, I offer a unique perspective to solving issues within our district.

I have committed my entire life into the betterment of our community. I serve on the Planning Commission where I play a vital role in our cities future planning.

Our schools are the backbone of our community. We cannot afford to let politics and infighting deter the focus away from our students. My focus is on bringing people together to put our students first.

- Every student needs to be College or Career ready upon graduation.
- Every teacher needs the necessary professional development and training to bolster our children's learning processes.
- Every campus needs a safe climate that is conducive to learning without distractions.

The only way we will change our community is if we change the way we transition our children into our community as productive adults.

I ask for your vote to be our city's next school board member. Learn more at www.voteanthonyjones.com (909) 521-0414.

NAME: ABIGAIL M. MEDINA

AGE: 41

OCCUPATION: School Board Member

"The Best gift we can give our schools is to re-elect Abigail Medina, someone who has proven to stand with our children and is not afraid to fight for their future."

-Angelia Williams-Watts, Parent and Founder of Second Mile

Vice-President Abigail Medina has:

- Made it a priority to increase graduation rates and A-G graduation.
- Increased funding in K-12, parent centers and restored after-school program funding.
- Advocated for vocational/technical training programs and career pathways.
- Expanded Restorative Justice programs and discipline alternatives.
- Encouraged district to power schools and bus services with clean energy/solar.

Abigail is committed to ensuring staff, students, parents and teachers have a voice in our education system, and will continue to take her Community Outreach Office to the homes of parents and students in the district.

"I am more than honored to receive the support of more than 150 community leaders encouraging me to continue to represent the hardworking families and students of San Bernardino. As a mother of five students who attended San Bernardino City Unified schools, you can rely on me to represent you and make sure your child receives the best education possible. -Vice-President, Abigail Medina.

Visit Abigail's website: www.abigailmedina.com

NAME: PAM MONTANA

AGE: 44

OCCUPATION: Educational Liaison

I've lived in San Bernardino my entire life and I love this city. As a former elementary school teacher and a current education advocate for foster youth, I spend every day keeping San Bernardino students on track for successful careers and productive lives in our city. I want the best for all children because that's what they deserve.

As your next school board member, I will:

- Put our children first by ensuring a quality education that is equal for all students and includes a pathway to higher learning
- Protect the safety of our students, ensuring information is quickly relayed to parents/guardians
- Have an open-door policy of meeting with parents/guardians to ensure their child is receiving the level of care they deserve
- Bring back shop classes to train our students for high paying careers
- Support parent involvement in selecting the best learning environment for their child
- Create a zero-tolerance policy against bullying and restore the confidence of families in our school's ability to resolve conflict

My passion and dedication is with our students and I have no plans to run for higher office. I humbly ask for your vote on November 7th.

Sincerely,
Pam

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

NAME: LUIS CETINA

AGE: 52

OCCUPATION: Member, Board of Directors

Thank you for allowing me to serve on the board of Cucamonga Valley Water District. I respectfully ask that you consider my candidacy for a second term.

We collectively responded well to the drought by meeting state-mandated conservation targets and avoiding fines. Our area continues to grow and in anticipation of future events need more supply management with less dependence on imported water. My civil engineering degree, 30 years with Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, first-term experience as CVWD Vice-President and years of community service qualify me to serve.

With your vote, I'll uphold policies enhancing quality, expanding reliability and maintaining cost of service. We're blessed with two basins, canyon springs, access to imported and recycled supplies. Proper management of these makes CVWD one of the region's most reliable, cost-effective agencies; assuring needed investor confidence to create jobs.

I'll further the effective CVWD local customer conservation, education and service programs, while maximizing local supplies by promoting reclaimed, recycling and storm water capture for groundwater replenishment in a sound economic and environmental friendly manner.

As a husband and father of six, I'll strive to ensure continued CVWD service of safe, reliable, low-cost drinking water. Your vote extends my commitment to serve with integrity.

Respectfully,
Luis Cetina

NAME: JAMES V. CURATALO JR

AGE: 62

OCCUPATION: Retired Firefighter/Director

It has been an honor to serve as your representative on the Cucamonga Valley Water District Board of Directors. While serving, my actions have been guided by the firm belief that local government should be accessible, responsive and accountable to the people it serves.

I ask for your vote to continue my service on our water board. I will remain steadfast in my commitment to always have safe, reliable and affordable drinking water.

During my service, we have increased water production and storage, and greatly expanded our Recycled Water Program while maintaining some of the lowest rates in our region. We have implemented fair pension reform, made sensible modifications in wages and benefits and restructured our organization to improve efficiency, save money, and maintain outstanding customer service.

For 30 years I kept my oath to honorably serve our community as a firefighter and I pledge to honorably serve as your representative on our Water Board.

Our local waters belong to our community not Sacramento. I will continue my fight against a state water grab!

I pledge continued commitment to: high-quality drinking water at the lowest rates possible, excellent stewardship of our financial and natural resources, open and honest leadership, and outstanding customer service. Please vote James V. Curatalo, Jr.

NAME: RANDALL JAMES REED

AGE: 55

OCCUPATION: Director, Cucamonga Valley Water District

It has been a privilege to serve as your Representative on the Cucamonga Valley Water District Board of Directors for the last 14 years. I look forward to serving our community and seeking your support for re-election.

Serving on the Water Board, I am proud that we have increased storage, developed local water supplies, and increased our use of recycled water throughout the District. We accomplished these goals, while keeping water rates among the lowest in Inland Empire. In addition, we implemented many other cost saving measures to decrease operating expenses, including pension and benefit reform.

I am happily married and have lived in the city of Rancho Cucamonga for over 48 years. I have witnessed how clean, reliable, and affordable water has allowed our small town to grow into the municipality it is today.

Presently, I chair the Finance committee and serve on the Engineering committee, which are charged with challenges of long term planning. I have a 30-year career as a wastewater professional with a state water license, and I am Marine Corp Veteran. With your support, I will continue working hard to ensure our District's water supply is clean, reliable, and affordable well into our future.

Thanks for your vote,
Randall Reed

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, FULL TERM
WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

NAME: LINDA GONZALEZ

AGE: 55

OCCUPATION: West Valley Water District Director

Accomplishments:

- Lowered your water rates a total of 30%
- Delivered a refund to customers from previous payments
- Rescheduled Board Meeting times to make convenient to customers
- Provided direction for offering water conservation and landscaping classes to our customers

Experience:

Experience in developing policy on water related matters

Current Board Vice President at the Water District

I will continue to work hard to keep the rates among the lowest in the region.

I will bring continuity and experience to the Board of Directors, which is of much value in representing you in addressing the challenges of water reliability.

As a business owner in your city, I hold high regard of my participation in our community. Let me continue to be your voice and steward on water related matters and our natural resources.

As your elected representative, I will continue to apply my experience as a board member to convey your interests and concerns to the decision making of your Water District.

I will continue to work with the Water District Team in developing plans to address our water resource matters, while: sustaining some of the lowest rates in the region.

I appreciate your confidence in me. Please Vote Linda Gonzalez. (951)213-9916

NAME: ANTHONY ARAIZA

AGE: 73

OCCUPATION: Water Professional

My name is Anthony Araiza and for 52 years I was employed by West Valley Water District. I began in the maintenance department and I worked my way up to General Manager. As GM, I led the District for 20 years until I retired in June of 2015. When our water supply was threatened by Perchlorate, I worked to find solutions. I chose to avoid costly court battles and instead obtained over \$20 million in assistance to build the most advanced treatment facility in California. And now it is restoring clean water to our region. There have been many people that have claimed they want to reduce costs at the District. I have actually done it. I will work for you to eliminate waste and maintain reasonable rates. I've cared about this District for over 50 years, and I want to see it thrive. I ask for your vote for Director of the West Valley Water District.

NAME: CLIFFORD YOUNG, SR.
OCCUPATION: Incumbent/Professor

AGE: 71

Promises Made, Promises Kept, For Our Communities

When you elected me to represent our communities as your Director, I committed to strong leadership of our water resources to meet our present and future water needs.

As President of the Board of Directors, I led the effort to repeal the burdensome rate increases that affected our Inland Empire communities imposed by the previous board. As a result:

- Rebated to customers a 15% check, overall received a rebate total of over \$2.5 million.
- Rolled back scheduled 15% increase for both 2016 and 2017.
- Water rates maintained, saving customers an estimated \$9.7 million.

It has been an honor to represent you. As your representative, I promise:

- No more rate increases
 - 15% rebate to all customers
 - Build our communities Buy Local, Hire Local
- Professional Experience: President, West Valley Water

Chairman (elect) National Orange Show

Professor of Public Administration, CSUSB

Fifth District Supervisor, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

Education: Doctor of Public Administration, University of Southern California

Master of Public Administration, University of Southern California

Bachelor of Arts, California Baptist University

Promises Made, Promises Kept, For Our Communities

I respectfully ask for your vote on November 7.

Dr. Clifford Young

NAME: MICHAEL TAYLOR
OCCUPATION: Law Enforcement

AGE: 59

I respectfully ask for your vote to elect me to the Board of Directors of West Valley Water District. I have lived and raised my family in Rialto for the past thirty-one years. As an active professional, I have gained in-depth experience, leadership skills and budget management expertise. I am committed to the delivery of safe, reliable, and affordable water to all of our residents. As a longtime fellow community member who is outraged with the overly excessive increases to our water rates, I will vote to repeal any increases.

Professional Experience:

Police Chief - Budgetary Oversight over 18M and Supervision of over 70 sworn Officers and 30 Civilians. City Manager - Responsible for a budget of over 80M and Supervision of over 300 City Employees

Education:

Doctor of Educational Leadership, University of Redlands; M.A. National Security Studies, and B.A. Political Science, California State University, San Bernardino

Associations:

FBI National Academy Association

California Chiefs of Police

Los Angeles County Chiefs of Police

San Gabriel Valley Chiefs of Police

International Association Chiefs of Police

I ask for your support to put run away local government back in the hands of concerned civic minded responsible citizens.

Thanks, Mike Taylor

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SHORT TERM
WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

NAME: ROBERT J. BOURLAND
OCCUPATION: Retired

AGE: 61

Reliable, safe, and affordable water is my commitment to you!

I want to represent you on the Water Board. I was raised in Rialto and educated through the Rialto Unified School District. I earned my Bachelor's degree in Business from California State San Bernardino. I have been married 37 years to my beautiful wife and we chose to raise all 5 of our children here. We have also been blessed with 10 grandchildren that also call the Inland Empire home.

Previously, I worked at Southern California Edison for over 30 years. I started as an entry level Meter Reader and retired as an Executive. I've also spent a large part of my life serving the community through different committees and activities which has given me many diverse learning opportunities. Because of this vast experience, I was asked to fill the vacancy on the WVWD board by the San Bernardino County Supervisors.

I have enjoyed my time here and see where I can make a difference. I commit to serving you! I am invested in this cause, not only for myself but my children and grandchildren because I know that the choices we make today will impact generations to come!

NAME: KYLE NELSON CROWTHER
OCCUPATION: Police Officer

A safe, high quality, affordable, and reliable water supply for the Inland Valley is crucial for the security of our region and essential for life. Solid decisions require effective planning.

As a career law enforcement professional right here in the Inland Empire, I dedicate myself every day to the protection and safeguarding of our community. My experience of working with a team, creating safety plans, and initiating long-term goals provides me the background and qualifications needed to defend the high standards and reliability of our local groundwater and imported water supplies.

I will achieve responsible water resource planning by:

- Incentivizing conservation and recycling.
- Removing pollutants from our local groundwater. Hold polluters accountable.
- Working with state and federal partners on affordable new water projects.
- Ensuring southern Californians are not held hostage by the interests of wealthy water barons and developers in northern California.

Furthermore, our water district currently has a \$32 million reserve. Therefore, I will support a 15% rebate to all ratepayers and will oppose any rate increase.

If you would like to discuss my plan, please contact me at kylecrowther174@gmail.com.

It's time for real results. I will be humbled to earn your vote.

Respectfully,
Kyle Crowther

Measures Submitted To The Voters

The following pages provide information about **local ballot measures** for this election. Information about each measure may include:

- Impartial analysis of the measure
- Argument in favor of the measure
- Rebuttal to the argument in favor of the measure
- Argument against the measure
- Rebuttal to the argument against the measure

**MEASURE J
CITY OF BARSTOW**

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE J

This Impartial Analysis of Measure J has been prepared by the City Attorney pursuant to Section 9280 of the California Elections Code.

Measure "J" would adopt a transactions and use tax in the City of Barstow at the rate of one-half cent for every dollar spent (or 0.5%). This kind of tax is often called a sales tax. The proceeds of this tax would be placed in a special City fund to be used to support fire protection and paramedic emergency response for the Barstow Fire Protection District, including salaries and benefits for qualified firefighting and paramedic personnel, repayment of debts and the repair and replacement of fire protection equipment.

The tax would be in addition to existing sales tax, and it would be levied on the sale or use of tangible personal property sold at retail. Retailers collect the tax at the time of sale and remit the funds to the State Board of Equalization, which administers the tax. Tax proceeds cannot be confiscated by the state.

The Barstow City Council placed Measure "J" on the ballot. Because Measure "J" limits the purposes for which the tax revenue can be used, it is a "special tax" requiring two-thirds voter approval. If approved, the tax will remain in effect until amended or repealed by the voters, or until the Barstow Fire Protection District is transferred to an agency outside the City of Barstow.

A "yes" vote is a vote in favor of authorizing the one-half percent transactions and use tax.

A "no" vote is a vote against authorizing the transaction and use tax.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Ordinance or Measure "J". If you desire a copy of the proposed ordinance, please call the Barstow City Clerk at (760) 255-5122 and a copy will be mailed to you at no cost.

Date: June 6, 2017

s/ Teresa L. Highsmith
Barstow City Attorney

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE J

This Argument in Favor of Measure J was submitted pursuant to Section 9282 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

The Barstow Fire Protection District has provided fire protection services to the Barstow community for over 90 years. It has been unable to keep up with the growing costs of providing high quality fire protection and medical aid services to Barstow residents and our many visitors.

Approving Measure J will help fund the Fire District as long as it remains controlled locally by the City with no increase in property taxes, only a ½ cent sales tax increase! The proposed increase equals only fifty cents for every \$100 of purchases.

Barstow Fire provides medical aid, fire protection and other emergency services to Barstow residents and millions of annual visitors to the community as needed. Measure J will spread the costs of fire and medical services across residents and visitors; increasing the sales tax rate means visitors help fund these services when they stop for gas or shop in town. Visitors to our community should help pay for the fire protection, medical and emergency services they use.

A YES vote on Measure J will require non-resident visitors to pay their fair share.

The proposed ½ cent sales tax increase will keep Barstow Fire fully funded and locally controlled. Without these additional funds, the Fire District will have to look at consolidation with other Districts or contracting with other government agencies for fire services, both of which could erase local community control, increase costs and/or property taxes, and reduce services.

A YES vote on Measure J will preserve local control and ensure a fiscally sustainable Barstow Fire Protection District, providing high-quality paramedic and fire protection services.

Keep Barstow Fire District fully funded and locally controlled.

Vote YES on Measure J!

s/ Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre, Mayor
s/ Carmen Hernandez, Mayor Pro Tem
s/ Timothy R. Silva, Council Member
s/ Merrill M. Gracey, Council Member
s/ Richard A. Harpole, Council Member

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE J

This Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure J was submitted pursuant to Section 9285 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

Our local **politicians** want you believe that a **city sales tax** is the only way to **save** the Fire Department. We pay a **State sales tax**, a **County sales tax** and now they want us to pay **City sales tax**.- **Politicians** don't want you to know that they can use fees from recreational and medical marijuana to save the fire department, if only they would lift their ban on voter approved recreational and medical marijuana use in Barstow. The voters in **San Bernardino County** and the **City of Barstow** voted for Proposition 64. The **politicians** are also talking about another **1/2 cent sales tax increase** for the county. What about the **gas tax** that the **politicians** just increased? What about the trash, sewer cable, telephone, fees that the city could increase? Where's the money coming from? The city can easily get the needed revenue from recreational and medical marijuana fees. If you don't use recreational or medical marijuana it won't cost you any money to save the fire department, and those that do use it will happily pay it! The people who use recreational or need medical marijuana will be paying to save the Fire Department. The majority of voters in Barstow have already told the politicians they are in favor of recreational and medical marijuana in Barstow. The **Politicians** need to help us **save our money** and **our Fire Department**.

Votar no en la medida j
Gracias

s/ Patrick Aleman, Taxpayer

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE J

This Argument Against Measure J was submitted pursuant to Section 9282 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

The City Council wants more money from us. They want you to increase your sales tax. The Mayor and City Council should lift the ban on voter approved recreational and medical marijuana. Not only could the city set the rate of taxes it charges licensed marijuana businesses, but it would also open a stream of revenue to the local community. It would also likely result in increased real estate prices like that seen in Adelanto, which in turn would create another revenue stream due to increased property tax rates.

LA Weekly recently reported: "Adelanto is still a sleepy place, but it appears to be on the cusp of becoming a boomtown. In the previous 15 years, the town had added only two new Dollar Stores, according to Kerr, which earned the city \$7,000 a year. But by allowing commercial marijuana growing, Adelanto ignited a land rush. Plots that had been worth \$300,000 suddenly sold for \$3 million, according to Sayegh, who represents several Adelanto growers."

Proposition 64 Makes Specific Allocations for Various Purposes

Youth Education, Prevention, Early Intervention and Treatment Account. Funds would be allocated to the Department of Health Care Services to support youth programs including substance use disorder education, prevention, and treatment program.

State and Local Government Law Enforcement Account Funds would be allocated to the California Highway Patrol to support programs designed to reduce driving while impaired, including by cannabis.

Depriving the community of much needed voluntary revenue streams in favor of increased sales taxes placing burdens on the poor and disadvantaged. The city's prohibitionist attitude toward marijuana business does not reflect the will of the people and is harmful to the community.

VOTE NO ON MEASURE "J"

s/ Patrick Aleman, Taxpayer

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE J

This Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure J was submitted pursuant to Section 9285 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

The argument against Measure J does not dispute that Barstow Fire Protection District needs more funding to keep providing Barstow residents with the same high quality medical services and fire protection we have all come to rely on for over 90 years. Measure J will only add 50 cents to a \$100 purchase.

This measure is about public safety, not marijuana. California has not yet created the licensing structure to allow recreational dispensaries, and medical marijuana can't be taxed under Prop 64. It would be shortsighted and foolish to tie a public safety function to an uncertain funding source.

The ½ cent sales tax proposed by Measure J is the most effective and least expensive revenue raising option available and spreads the cost of Barstow Fire services to all those who use them, including visitors to our community who shop here and will actually pay the bulk of the money raised by this measure.

Measure J also ensures that the sales tax revenue raised can only be spent on Barstow Fire, and only as long as Barstow Fire stays under local control. If Barstow Fire is ever taken over by another government agency, or consolidates with another District, the ½ cent sales tax ends.

Keep Barstow Fire District fully funded and locally controlled!

Vote YES on Measure J!

s/ Richard A. Harpole, Council Member

s/ Carmen Hernandez, Mayor Pro Tem

**MEASURE K
CITY OF VICTORVILLE**

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE K

This Impartial Analysis of Measure K has been prepared by the City Attorney pursuant to Section 9280 of the California Elections Code.

Measure K asks voters to approve an ordinance enacting a one half-cent (0.5%) special transactions and use (sales) tax within the City of Victorville. This special tax is restricted to funding public safety services in Victorville in accordance with an expenditure plan that includes the addition of 10 new police officers and 15 new firefighters/paramedics to the City's forces; opening Fire Station 315 near Sunset Ridge Park; equipment, training and support for these additional personnel; and acquiring life-safety apparatus for fire services. The tax revenues (an estimated \$8.5 million per year) will supplement, not replace, existing City public safety services expenditures as reflected in Victorville's FY 2017/2018 budget, and cannot lawfully be used for any other purpose.

Currently, State and local retail sales tax in Victorville is 7.75% of the purchase price; but Victorville only receives 1% of this amount. The remainder goes to the State and the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority. Measure K would increase the current total sales tax rate in Victorville from 7.75 to 8.25%, *i.e.*, would add a half cent to the price of an item that costs a dollar. If adopted, collection of the tax is expected to commence April 1, 2018.

Technically, the existing sales tax is a combination of "sales and use tax" and "transactions and use tax." Retailers collect both taxes at the time of sale and remit the funds to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, which administers the taxes. Both are levied on the retail sale or use of personal property, with certain exceptions.

The special tax will be collected where the sale is made in Victorville or where the goods are delivered and placed into use in Victorville. Merchandise purchased in a "walk-in" retail store is assumed by the State to be used within the city in which the store is located and the applicable tax will be paid by both residents and nonresidents, unless the retailer is asked to ship the merchandise outside the city as part of the sale or it is a motor vehicle (which is taxed based on the city of registered use). Certain necessities of life, including purchases of food or medicine, are exempt from the tax.

Measure K requires annual City Council review and re-adoption of an expenditure plan consistent with the ordinance's mandate, as well as annual verification by the City's independent auditor to ensure the tax revenues are being used for the specified public safety purposes. The separate fund or account established for deposit of the tax revenues is further subject to annual audit and reporting in the City's financial statement.

Measure K was placed on the ballot by a 2/3 vote of the Victorville City Council. A "Yes" vote is a vote to approve the additional half cent tax for public safety services in Victorville. A "No" vote is a vote against the tax. Measure K will be approved if it receives a two-thirds (2/3) majority of "Yes" votes.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure K. If you desire a copy of the Measure (Ordinance No. 2371), please call the election official's office at (760) 955-5188 and a copy will be mailed, emailed, or provided at no cost to you.

August 21, 2017

Andre de Bortnowsky, City Attorney

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE K

This Argument in Favor of Measure K was submitted pursuant to Section 9282 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

With rising crime rates and a growing population, Victorville's need for public safety is greater than ever before. The city has been unable to keep pace with the rising costs of providing fire and police services for Victorville residents and our many visitors.

Approving Measure K would help fund public safety with no property tax increases. The proposed ½ cent sales tax equals only fifty cents per every \$100 of purchases. The tax would also be shared by visitors when they stop for gas or shop in Victorville.

Despite years of trimming spending for non-safety services, cutting jobs, layoffs and trimming employee salaries; this tax is needed to help us increase and sustain safety services for our growing population.

A YES vote on Measure K will require non-resident visitors to share costs, maintain local control of public safety and fully-fund Victorville fire and police service needs.

Measure K is currently estimated to raise \$8.5 million per year, which would be used to:

- Hire 10 additional police officers;
- Hire 15 firefighters/paramedics;
- Open Fire Station 315 near Sunset Ridge Park; and
- Add a second paramedic squad to respond to increasing calls for medical aid.

Funds raised through Measure K would be restricted so they could only be used for public safety and couldn't be diverted for any other purpose.

Without approval of Measure K, the City Council will have to pursue alternate fire service options, such as annexation to the County Fire Protection District; which would result in a parcel tax for Victorville property owners.

Approving Measure K will maintain local control of public safety in Victorville, provide needed resources to expand fire and police services, and ensure those using the service pay for it.

Protect our community. Vote YES on Measure K.

s/ Gloria Garcia, Mayor
s/ Jim Cox, Mayor Pro Tem
s/ Jim Kennedy, Councilmember
s/ Eric Negrete, Councilmember

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE K

No Argument Against Measure K was filed.

Assistance for Voters with Disabilities

The Elections Office provides a number of services to increase access and encourage participation by voters with disabilities.



At the polling place

San Bernardino County polling places have an accessible path of travel and accessible parking. Polling places also include the following resources:

- Assistance by poll workers
- Curbside voting
- Page magnifiers
- Wheelchair accessible voting booths



Electronic touch screen voting machine

Each polling place has an electronic touch screen voting machine offering:

- English and Spanish audio ballots
- A large text option



Website accessibility

We work diligently to provide screen reader accessible information on the Elections Office website, including the San Bernardino County Voter Information Guide.



Additional voting information

Registration and voting information are available by calling the Elections Office's TTY/TDD at (909) 387-2788 or the California Secretary of State's TTY/TDD at (800) 833-VOTE (8683).



Voter Bill of Rights

You have the following rights:

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

If you believe you have been denied any of these rights, call the San Bernardino County Elections Office at **(800) 881-VOTE (8683)** or the Secretary of State's office at **(800) 345-VOTE (8683)**.

Want More Information?

**Access personalized election information
from a mobile device or computer using:**



**Use M.E. Gateway, the Elections Office's
award-winning gateway to:**

- ◆ MY REGISTRATION STATUS
- ◆ MY MAIL BALLOT DROP-OFF MAP
- ◆ MY ELECTED OFFICIALS
- ◆ MY POLLING PLACE
- ◆ MY ELECTION RESULTS
- ◆ AND MUCH MORE...



To access your personalized election information, go to:

SBCountyElections.com

Click on the M.E. Gateway link

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Get Your Voter Information Guide...
ONLINE!



Sign up to receive your Voter Information Guide electronically instead of by mail.

Apply online at **SBCountyElections.com**



POLL WORKERS NEEDED!

Earn Money and Serve Your Community

Who can be a poll worker?

- Registered voters in California

What does a poll worker do?


- Work from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Set up and close the polls
- Assist voters on Election Day

Why become a poll worker?

- Serve your community
- Gain work experience
- Work close to home
- Earn extra money, \$115 - \$190



How to apply:

-  1. Go to www.SBCountyElections.com
2. Login to My Elections Gateway
3. Click on My Poll Worker Application, or
- Complete the application on the next page
- For questions, call (800) 881-VOTE

**Training classes available throughout
San Bernardino County**





2017 Poll Worker Application

1. Applicant Information (Please print clearly)

First Name	Last Name	Birthday (mm/dd/yy)		
Street Address	Unit/Apt #	City	State	Zip Code
Mailing Address (If different)	Unit/Apt #	City	State	Zip Code
Phone Number	Cell Phone Number	Email Address		
Do you have access to a vehicle? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Are you registered to vote in the state of California? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>				

2. Skills and Experience (Please check all that apply)

What is your level of education? High School ☐ Some College ☐ Undergraduate Degree ☐ Advanced Degree ☐

Election Experience

Professional Experience

Language Skills

Election Day Clerk <input type="checkbox"/>	Administration/Clerical <input type="checkbox"/>	Chinese <input type="checkbox"/>	Spanish <input type="checkbox"/>
Election Day Supervisor <input type="checkbox"/>	Customer Service <input type="checkbox"/>	Hindi <input type="checkbox"/>	Tagalog <input type="checkbox"/>
Election Day Field Rep <input type="checkbox"/>	IT/Technical <input type="checkbox"/>	Japanese <input type="checkbox"/>	Thai <input type="checkbox"/>
Election Day Machine Tech <input type="checkbox"/>	Recruiting/Training <input type="checkbox"/>	Khmer <input type="checkbox"/>	Vietnamese <input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____	Supervisory <input type="checkbox"/>	Korean <input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____

3. Availability

Are you currently employed? Yes ☐ No ☐ If Yes, list employer: _____

Are you available Election Day from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.? Yes ☐ No ☐

Are you available to work outside of your neighborhood? Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, how far? 5-10 miles ☐ 11-20 miles ☐ 21-30 miles ☐ 31-40 miles ☐

4. Compensation and Work Hours

Clerks: \$115.	Payment includes compensation for completing Election Day assignment and for attending one (1) training class.
Machine Clerks: \$130.	Payment includes compensation for completing Election Day assignment and for attending two (2) training classes.
Supervisors: \$180 plus mileage.	Payment includes compensation for completing Election Day assignment and for attending two (2) training classes.
Bilingual: \$10 additional payment.	Paid to workers specifically hired based on bilingual skills and who successfully completed bilingual testing.

Poll Workers are required to report to their assigned polling place at 6:00 a.m. and work the entire Election Day (until approximately 9:00 p.m.)

5. Submission Instructions and Information

Return completed applications:

- By Email: Scan or take a picture of the application and email to pollworkers@sbcountyelections.com
- By Fax: (909) 387-2022
- By Mail or in Person: San Bernardino County Elections Office, 777 E. Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415

For any questions, call the Elections Office at (909) 387-8300