

Argument in Favor of Measure J

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!

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The undersigned proponent (s) or author(s) of the primary argument in favor of the ballot proposition (Measure J) at the (Special Municipal Election) for the City of Barstow to be held on November 7, 2017 hereby state that the argument is true and correct to the best of (his/her/their) knowledge and belief.

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