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**REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE J**

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.

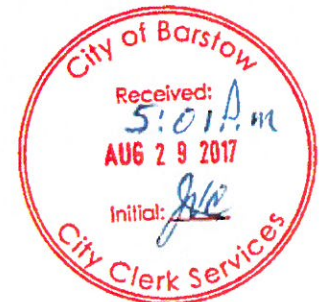
This measure is about public safety, not marijuana. California has not yet created the licensing structure to allow recreational dispensaries, and medical marijuana can't be taxed under Prop 64. It would be shortsighted and foolish to tie a public safety function to an uncertain funding source.

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!**



## ARGUMENTS

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