

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE P

Measure P is asking electric customers to tax themselves voluntarily for things that have nothing to do with electricity. Measure P tax revenue is strictly intended for the City's general operations. The Measure is proposing to use the electric utility as a cash cow to fund police, fire, paramedics, parks, etc. .

Do you want your electric bill to fund these services? These services should be funded out of the City's sales tax and property tax revenues. But due to City Council mismanagement and corruption, millions in sales tax revenue is being recklessly given away by the City of Banning. For example, a recent Grand Jury investigation determined that the City Council gave a 28-year long sales tax break to a large auto dealership. With Measure P the city is trying to make up for lost revenue by taxing the little guy – you, the electric customer.

Also, don't be fooled by the proposed 3-year "Rate Freeze": it is nothing but a clever diversion. In fact, a "NO" vote will actually lower your electric bill.

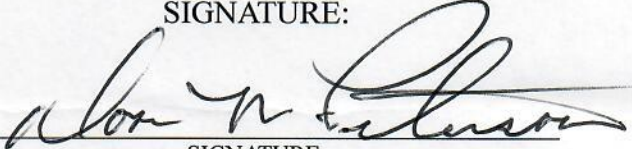
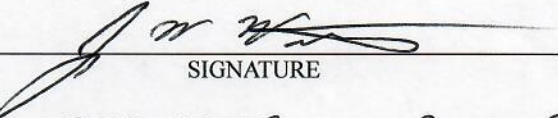

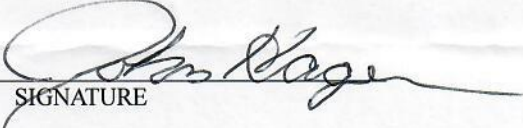

The city is not telling you that for years they have been stealing from you by adding a similar percentage to your electric bill, and applying it to the very general fund purposes that are listed in Measure P, (police, fire, paramedics, parks, etc.). Changes in the law now force the city to seek voter approval in order to continue this long-standing practice.

Voting "NO" on Measure P will have the effect that the City can no longer steal from you by inflating your electric bill with charges that are unrelated to electricity. Therefore a "NO" vote will make your electric bill go down, not up.

STATEMENT BY PROPONENTS/AUTHORS OF ARGUMENTS

(Section 9600 of the Elections Code requires that all arguments concerning measures shall be accompanied by the following form statement to be signed by each proponent and by each author, if different, of this argument).

The undersigned proponents or authors of the primary argument against ballot Measure P at the General Municipal Election to be held on November 6, 2018 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

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