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MEASURE W ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

The Firebaugh City Council urges citizens to vote YES for Measure W, which places a 5% utility users tax (UUT) on new telecommunication technologies such as wireless and voice over Internet services. The City has had such a UUT on phone services (landlines) for 25 years. The current rate applicable to this landline, telephone service is 10%. Measure W simply applies the current tax (at a lower rate, 5%) to new technologies that did not exist when the UUT was first approved. All revenues would go to the City's General Fund, which predominantly supports Police and Fire services. The City's General Fund revenues have been hit especially hard these past several years and continued cutbacks could jeopardize safety services. Since Public Safety Services (police and fire) consume, by far, the largest part of General Fund revenues, reductions in these revenues will have negative impact on these and other vital City services.

A YES VOTE ON MEASURE W IS A VOTE TO PROTECT VITAL CITY OF FIREBAUGH SERVICES.

VERIFICATION

The undersigned proponents or authors of the primary argument in favor of ballot Proposition Measure "W" at the Special Election for the City of Firebaugh to be held on November 8, 2016 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Signed _____
Print Alfred Valdez, Mayor City of Firebaugh

Date 8/10/16

Signed _____
Print Brady Jenkins, Mayor Pro-Tem City of Firebaugh

Date 15 Aug 16

Signed _____
Print Craig Knight, Council Member City of Firebaugh

Date 8-11-16

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