MEASURE____

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY CITY ATTORNEY

City of Adelanto

Ballot Measure Authorizing Gross Revenue Business Tax

This measure authorizes the City Council for the City of Adelanto ("City") to adopt a tax on all businesses licensed or operating in the City proportional to the revenue earned by that business within the City. The City Council would be authorized to impose a new tax of up to one-twentieth of one percent (0.05%) of the gross revenue earned by each business in the City unless otherwise exempt by law. This measure would authorize the City Council to adopt any appropriate tax amount provided it does not exceed the 0.05% of each business's gross revenue. The tax will result in increased general fund revenues for the City over the current business tax system from most business earning more than $200,000 in gross revenue per year, while relieving the tax burden on most small businesses earning less than $200,000 in gross revenue per year.

For example, a small business operating solely within the City of Adelanto earning $100,000 in gross revenue could owe up to, but not more than, $50, which is less than the current flat tax of $100 for most businesses. A business with total statewide revenues equal to $20 Million, with $500,000 attributable to business activity within the City, could owe up to, but no more than, $250, which would be $150 over the current flat tax of $100 for most businesses.

This measure would authorize the imposition of a new business tax in addition to other taxes and fees. This measure is intended to allow the City Council to replace the existing flat business tax structure that the City currently employs. The City Council would be authorized to impose this tax in addition to other legitimate licensing fees imposed by the Adelanto Municipal Code.

All revenues received by the City from this tax must be deposited in the general fund to be used locally for the benefit of the City.

A “Yes” vote is in favor of adopting this measure and this business tax. A “No” vote is against adopting this measure and prevents imposition of this new business tax structure. If a majority of voters vote “Yes,” then this measure will authorize the City Council for the City of Adelanto to adopt resolutions and ordinances imposing the prescribed tax. This measure was placed on the ballot by the City Council.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure____

Dated: 8-3-2016

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