

(Excerpt of) Full Text of Measure SS City of Westminster

AN ORDINANCE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER, ADDING CHAPTER 3.10 TO TITLE 3 (REVENUE AND FINANCE) OF THE WESTMINSTER MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATING TO A TRANSACTIONS AND USE (“SALES”) TAX.*



WHEREAS, due to Sacramento takeaways, the City of Westminster (“City”) has lost over \$12 million annually in local tax dollars, and now faces a \$5.3 million budget deficit which will double by 2017;

WHEREAS, the City has depleted its rainy-day fund, will soon be unable to present a balanced budget as required by state law, and is facing Bankruptcy as soon as the 2018 Fiscal Year;

WHEREAS, this ordinance ensures that our city has a guaranteed source of funding for local services that cannot be seized by Sacramento, and requires that our tax dollars remain local and can only be used in Westminster;

WHEREAS, in just the last year there have been more than 42,000 9-1-1 calls in Westminster that have required emergency medical attention. This ordinance will help to maintain firefighters and paramedics, and keep rapid 9-1-1 emergency response times so that people suffering from heart attacks, strokes or other medical emergencies continue to receive the immediate, life-saving care they need; and

WHEREAS, public safety is a top priority in Westminster, comprising 77% of the City’s current budget, and without a local funding source the City will be forced to make further significant cuts to public safety services, potentially including gang and drug prevention; neighborhood police patrols; reducing the number of paramedics and firefighters; and consider eliminating the Police Narcotics, Domestic Violence, Sex Crimes, and human trafficking units in the Westminster Police Department; and

WHEREAS, our community has a history of gang problems, and currently there are over 100 active gang members in Westminster...

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City of Westminster, Westminster Police/9-1-1/ Essential City Services Measure

To address state takeaways of local funds, protect property values, drinking water supplies and prevent cuts to: 9-1-1 response times; police officers/firefighters/paramedics; drug/gang prevention, domestic violence/sex crimes/human trafficking units; and other general city services, shall an ordinance establishing a 1% transactions and use (sales) tax, expiring December 31, 2022, providing estimated \$13.9 million annually, requiring audits, citizens' oversight, all funds remaining in Westminster, be adopted?

What your vote means:

YES

A "Yes" vote is a vote in favor of authorizing the transactions and use tax for a period of six years.

NO

A "No" vote is against authorizing the transactions and use tax.

To Get More Information:

Visit the Orange County Registrar of Voters at www.ocvote.com or call 714.567.7600. For the full text of the measure, including translated information, please visit the Orange County Registrar of voters online at: www.ocvote.com/voting/current-election-info/2016-presidential-general-election-info.

For information about local Westminster voting, please visit us online at www.westminster-ca.gov/depts/cityclerk/election or contact the Westminster City Clerk via phone at (714) 548-3174.

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Para obtener información electoral local de Westminster, visítenos en línea en www.westminster-ca.gov/depts/cityclerk/election o comuníquese por teléfono con el Secretario de la Ciudad de Westminster al (714) 548-3174.

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