

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE U

It's Not Broken – Don't Fix It!

The Facts You Need to Know About Rossmoor Incorporation

- The County cannot refuse to provide services to Rossmoor.
- Any future issues with services can be addressed through expansion of RCSD powers.
- Lacking a strong base of revenue, significant additional taxes & fees on residents will be required to fund additional services.
- A new city will add more bureaucracy and be more expensive to operate.
- The worst possible time to incorporate is now, during a recession and an uncertain economic future.

Taxes, Taxes and More Taxes

- A **NEW** 7% Utility Tax costs as much as \$600 for some and up to \$800 with a 9% Tax.
- Requiring a utility tax as a condition of incorporation is unprecedented. Only 1/4 of cities in CA have imposed utility taxes on their residents & **never** at incorporation.
- Governmental finance officers consider utility tax as a tax of last resort and an indication of financial weakness.
- Based on analysis by County staff, a 7% utility tax represents nearly a 100% increase in the cost for the same safety services the County currently provides. 9% represents a 130% increase in the cost for the same safety services.
- Supervisor Moorlach's support for a 9% tax recognizes that a 7% tax would be insufficient to cover the cost for services after incorporation.
- Since Rossmoor residents will still pay County taxes, we will be paying twice for the services we are now receiving.
- Due to our limited sources of revenue and zero growth potential, new taxes fees and assessments on Rossmoor residents will be the only way to fund future services and UNFUNDED State requirements.

Vote No to More Bureaucracy!

Vote No to Higher Taxes!

Vote No On All Measures!

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