

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE DD

Measure DD will reduce Los Alamitos' current telephone users tax (TUT) rate by 1%, cutting the tax rate for customers, and modernizing the law to ensure uniform applicability for all communications technologies.

The TUT was first adopted in 1991 and telephone technology and service plans have dramatically changed since then.

Recent Federal regulatory decisions and court cases have created the risk that the TUT laws of most cities, relating to telecommunications, could be challenged. This would endanger a portion of \$650,000 of the city's budget. Like many other cities, Los Alamitos is updating its telephone users tax statute and providing residents with a tax cut as well.

We're on the right track as we continue to improve our quality of life in Los Alamitos, but not if we let a change in technology and law eliminate TUT tax.

The City Council has responsibly managed the City's funds including TUT revenues. The City Council stabilized and consolidated our city management, cut Council pay, reduced spending by 13%, and balanced our budget without dipping into our reserves. We have seen a 5 year decrease in crime across the city of Los Alamitos.

A NO vote on Measure DD would keep rates where they are and leave some customers not paying their fair share on new communications technology, and would leave the present outdated law vulnerable to challenge.

A YES vote on Measure DD would ensure that we can continue to provide quality services vital to Los Alamitos including police, firefighters, street repaving, and quality of life programs supporting parks, senior and youth recreation programs.

Help us cut the TUT rate by 1% and keep Los Alamitos strong, safe and secure and provide the quality services our city expects. Please vote YES on Measure DD.

Measure DD was supported by a unanimous vote of the council members present.

s/ Troy Edgar  
Mayor

s/ Marilyn Poe  
Mayor Pro Tem

s/ Kenneth G. Stephens  
Council Member

s/ Warren Kusumoto  
Council Member

**No argument against this measure was submitted.**