

## ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE J

Stanton Taxpayers need a tax reduction, not a tax increase. Vote NO on this tax increase.

There are no guarantees that the tax will be used for ANY special purpose anyway. This is a tax increase that will go into the general fund and they can spend it any way they want without the vote of the people.

The original utility users tax was passed back in the early 1990's and we have been paying it for far too long. Where did all of OUR tax money go during the last 20 years?

Utility costs are not predictable and changes in costs for WATER, CELL PHONES, HOME TELEPHONE SERVICE, ELECTRIC, GAS and any other utilities are inevitable. We cannot afford an increase in taxes.

We have a spending problem, not a taxing problem. Our city council should focus on living within their means like WE have to. Continuing to increase taxes on us residents and our businesses has got to stop.

This tax has an annual adjustment for inflation. We cannot afford more taxes. Add it up and see for yourself:

- 7.5% tax for each cell phone
- 7.5% tax for each home phone
- 7.5% tax for electricity service
- 7.5% tax for water service
- 7.5% tax on gas
- And all other utility services

This is not what we need.

Taxpayers, residents and businesses have to come together and vote NO on this tax.

p.s. Don't let our City Council raise our tax again. Vote NO on this increase.

s/ Kevin Carr, Jr.  
Taxpayer