

CITY OF WILLIAMS

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF CITY MEASURE G
TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX**

Measure G reauthorizes a one-half of one percent (0.5%) Transactions and Use (sales) Tax measure that was previously approved by the voters of the City of Williams to fund essential City services. The existing Transactions and Use (sales) Tax will sunset automatically on March 31, 2013 unless reauthorized by the voters. The revenue from the tax under Measure G will continue to be used to fund general government services in the City of Williams including, without limitation, police services, fire protection services, park improvements and maintenance, youth programs, graffiti abatement, street maintenance and repairs, traffic improvements, and library services.

This tax would be adopted as a general tax. As a result, revenues from the tax would be placed in the City's General Fund. Measure G is intended to prevent significant cuts to general City services, such as those listed above, resulting from revenue shortfalls caused by decreased state funding and other recent economic factors. Further, since this is a local tax adopted by the citizens of Williams, the resulting revenue cannot be taken by the State of California, County of Colusa or other governmental entity.

State law authorizes cities to adopt transactions and use (sales) tax ordinances with voter approval and to have those taxes administered by the State Board of Equalization. The tax would be paid in addition to current State sales tax and would be collected at the same time and in the same manner as the existing sales tax. Pursuant to state law, Measure G has been placed on the ballot by the City Council of the City of Williams to ask the voters of Williams to reauthorize the tax at a rate of one-half of one percent (0.5%).

By placing Measure G on the ballot, the City complies with Article XIII C of the California Constitution (Proposition 218), which requires the voters to approve an ordinance which establishes a general tax. This measure must be approved by a majority of the voters.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure G. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the Williams City Clerk's office at (530) 473-2955 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

Dated June 4, 2012

/s/ Ann Siprelle
City Attorney, City of Williams

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF CITY OF WILLIAMS
MEASURE G**

The citizens of the City of Williams previously approved a 1/2 percent Transaction and Use Sales Tax to fund essential city services. This current tax is scheduled to end on March 31, 2013. Measure G will allow for the continuation of sales taxes at their current levels and will protect against significant cuts to City services.

* This measure extends the existing tax that we currently pay. It is not an increase. The passage of Measure G is needed to preserve the current half-cent sales tax. As a local tax, this is our money and cannot be taken by the State or other governmental agency!

Funding for Measure G will protect and maintain City services, including 911 emergency response times, police officers, crime investigation, neighborhood police patrols, fire services, city streets and pothole repairs, the City swimming pool and other general City services.

This local sales tax is assessed on purchases within the City. As this City is a hub for travelers, a majority of this tax comes from those who stop within our City en route to other locations. Funding provided by Measure G will remain 100% in Williams to serve our citizens. It is proposed that this 1/2 percent Transaction and Use Sales Tax have no sunset date.

/s/ John J. Troughton, Jr.

Dated: July 31, 2012

**ARGUMENT AGAINST CITY OF WILLIAMS
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