



ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF
MEASURE ____

Vote Yes on Measure ____, the City of Avenal Cannabis Business Tax.

You, the taxpayer, have borne the cost of addressing the negative impacts of illegal cannabis operations for far too long. Taxpayers have had to fully fund the rising costs of police, fire, emergency medical, code enforcement, animal control and other public services, without contributions from cannabis businesses. It's time for the cannabis industry to pay its fair share of taxes to mitigate these and other adverse secondary impacts.

Measure ____ is simple: If an authorized commercial cannabis business operates within the City limits, that business would contribute its fair share to the funding of vital public services such as police, fire, roads and parks and recreation.

Measure ____ would provide funds to implement strict standards, regulations and location requirements for cannabis businesses. Too many unregulated cannabis operations have burdened vital public resources and increased crime. Revenue from this tax will protect our vital public services and finally help put an end to these illegal operations.

The children of our City are our most important asset. Implementing this tax will fund recreation activities (like youth sports) for them and contribute to clean, healthy and safe neighborhoods throughout our community

Since there is no guarantee that State tax revenue from cannabis sales will fund any local services, it is necessary to secure our own funding through this tax measure. All revenue collected from Measure ____ will stay local to maintain important and essential City services.

Help eliminate illegal cannabis operations and ensure the cannabis industry operates legally and contributes positively to the quality of life in the City of Avenal.

Please join us in voting Yes on Measure ____.

CITY OF Avenal

Councilmember: Louis "Lou" Gravelle



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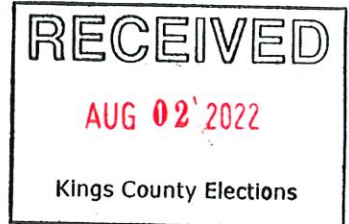
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Ballot Argument Signature Statement

The Kings County Elections Department requires this statement be completed and submitted with the argument. Names and titles listed will be printed in the order provided, and will appear as indicated. In addition, no more than 5 names may be printed following the written argument statement in the County Voter Information Guide.

Argument/Rebuttal Filed by (Check any of the following that apply)

- Board of Supervisors or any member(s) of the Board
 Individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure
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Ballot measure letter _____, to be voted on at the (Primary or General) election to be held on

November 8, 2022 in the County of Kings, and hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

Each person must clearly print and sign as indicated below. Printing will be in the order as submitted.

	Print Name Clearly	Print Title and Name of Organization	Signature	Date
1	Veronica Ann Aguirre	Community Organizer Advocate, Community Member		7-30-22
2	Sose Guadalupe Chavez "Lope"	School Board Member Reef Sunset		7-30-22
3	Maria "Ange" Ortiz	City Clerk/Resident Galaxy Cafe		7-30-22
4	Juan Contreras	Business owner		7-30-22
5	Walid Muharram	Business owner Skyline Mini Mart		8/1/22

List of names for Cannabis Business Tax



1. **Veronica Ann Aguirre** - Advocate, Community Organizer, Community Member
2. **Jose Guadalupe "Lupe" Chavez** - School Board Member - Reef-Sunset
3. **Maria "Angie" Ortiz** - City Clerk, Resident
4. **Juan Carlos Contreras** - Business Owner - Gallery Cafe
5. **Walid Muharram** - Business Owner - Skyline Mini Mart