

Rebuttal to the Argument for Measure M

Upland City Council unanimously supported making your favorite big-box store and grocery store villains by the outrageous claim they are not paying their fair share of taxes! Businesses large and small provide all of us products, services and jobs while providing sales tax revenue to the City!

The proposed \$3.3 million business tax increase actually places a disproportionate burden on small, mid-size and professional services businesses. This tax is HIGHER than adjacent cities which could motivate some businesses to close or relocate during these financially challenging times! The Upland Chamber of Commerce opposes this tax increase.

Don't be deceived by politicians, the overwhelming majority of 911 calls are for medical assistance. The County Fire Department and AMR ambulance service handle these emergency calls, not the City. The \$3.3 million taxes collected would go into the General Fund and could be used for streets, but more likely to pay for employee salaries, benefits and pensions. Some employee contracts have expired and were extended until June 2027 and they want pay raises!

In 2017 to save money, the City seamlessly outsourced the Upland Fire Department to County Fire. A citizen taskforce also recommended outsourcing the police department to the County Sheriff as does Rancho Cucamonga and Chino Hills, two of the safest cities in SOCAL.

There is a potential cost saving of \$18 million dollars annually by adopting the same contract as Chino Hills. NO new taxes needed!

The Upland Residents for Good Government urges you to **VOTE NO on M!**