

*Arguments in support or opposition of the proposed laws are the opinions of the authors.*

**Argument In Favor Of Measure \_\_\_\_\_**

Overnight visitors require City services such as public safety and parks and impact street wear. In 1959 and 1985 the voters approved a 10% Transient Occupancy Tax charged to the bills of guests staying at hotels, motels, apartment hotels/motels, RV parks and any other commercial lodging to pay their fair share of services and facilities. This tax is paid by out of towners, not Needles residents or businesses. These taxes are common in nearly every community across the country.

Recently overnight visitors have had the option of using Short Term Rentals. Instead of staying in a hotel, they rent a private residence. 133 such rentals operate in the City. These tax revenues paid by out of towners will remain in the City, controlled by the City, for use by general municipal purposes of public safety, street repair and park maintenance. These tax revenues cannot be taken by San Bernadino County or the State. Including short term residential rental units in the tax, the City will raise approximately \$84,300 annually to pay their fair share costs of maintenance and repair.

Short term Rental guest have the same impact on City services and facilities as hotel guests and should pay their fair share of costs. They should not be able to stay in a residential neighborhood, and not pay because of a loophole in the existing law. It is unfair to the legitimate hoteliers.

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City of Needles Council Member Name (Printed)



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City of Needles Council Member Signature

July 16, 2022

Date



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# **ARGUMENTS** **FORM OF STATEMENT TO BE FILED BY** **AUTHORS OF ARGUMENTS**

All arguments concerning measures filed pursuant to Division 9, Chapter 3 (beginning with § 9200) of the Elections Code shall be accompanied by the following form statement **to be signed** by each proponent, and by each author, if different, of the argument:

The undersigned proponents or authors of the primary argument in favor of ballot proposition to amend the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) to include and apply to "short term residential rental units" in the City of Needles at the General Municipal Election for the City of Needles, CA to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 hereby state that the argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

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