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## **Stop the Utility Tax**

### **Argument in Favor of Measure**

Taxation and spending are out of control at every level of government. In a stagnant economy with declining real incomes, local government continues to grow.

Even though Glendale's population is essentially unchanged since 2000, the General Fund has grown an astonishing 77% from just under \$100 million to \$177 million for 2015. In just six years, total budgeted city revenues including GWP grew from \$646 million to \$832 million, a whopping 30% increase.

In 2014, 10 city employees banked over \$300,000 per year; 31 made \$250,000-\$299,000; 135 made \$200,00-\$249,000; 237 made \$150,000-\$199,000 and 343 made \$100,000-\$149,000. California's governor makes only \$173,987. Incredibly, 31 city employees actually make more than the current Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at \$251,000 year. (Source: [www.transparentcalifornia.com](http://www.transparentcalifornia.com))

In 2014 the median fulltime city employee received pay and benefits totaling \$105,211 -- over twice the \$45,235 of the median employed Glendale resident. Government elites enjoy pay, pensions and job security the average taxpayer can only dream about.

It gets worse. We have to pay these people the rest of their lives. Glendale's unfunded pension obligations are officially \$411.9 million. But the real number, according to the Stanford Institute for Economic Research, is closer to \$1,425,003,510. (Source: [www.pensiontracker.org](http://www.pensiontracker.org))

The City Council has caved into the salary demands of public employee unions and has failed to control the growth of non-essential services. Passing this measure will reduce utility taxes by \$17,000,000, just 2% of projected total city revenues. The idea that a 2% cut can, or should, compromise public safety is extortionate nonsense.



ARGUMENT AND REBUTTAL FORM

JUNE 7,

~~APRIL 12~~, 2016

ELECTION DATE:

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CITY OF GLENDALE

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