

**PALM DESERT
CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE T**

The City of Palm Desert currently imposes a 9% general tax on rent charged by the operator of any hotel, short-term rental, or similar lodging in the City of Palm Desert for guests staying fewer than thirty days. This tax is called the Transient Occupancy Tax ("TOT") and is collected by hotel and short-term rental operators at the time rent is paid by the guests. The TOT is set forth in Chapter 3.28 of Title 3 of the Palm Desert Municipal Code. All funds collected from the TOT are deposited into the City's General Fund.

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Measure T, which has been placed on the ballot by the City Council of the City of Palm Desert, proposes the adoption of an Ordinance of the City of Palm Desert which would increase the TOT from 9% to 11%. The additional 2% in revenue represents about \$2 million dollars a year to the General Fund.

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The proposed TOT is a general tax and may be used for any general governmental purpose of the City, such as police, fire, emergency response, street maintenance, parks and recreational programs. In order for the City to adopt the Ordinance amending its Municipal Code and authorizing the increase in the rate of the TOT described above, Measure T must be approved by a majority vote of the votes cast on the measure.

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A "yes" vote on Measure T would adopt the Ordinance increasing the TOT from 9% to 11%.

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A "no" vote on Measure T would mean that the Ordinance described above is not adopted and the TOT would remain at 9%.

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The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure T. If you desire a copy of Measure T, please call the elections official's office at (760) 346-0611 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

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