Carson Residents to Vote on Utility Users' Tax

n June 7, 2016, Carson residents will decide whether to renew Carson's Utility Users' Tax (UUT), the ballot measure which, if passed, would continue the status quo and simply renew the 2% tax on gas and electricity bills in Carson.

Important Facts about Carson's UUT:

- Provides funding for public safety services including Sheriff's patrol of local neighborhoods, 911 Emergency Services, gang prevention, graffiti removal, senior programs, stroke center services, early childhood programs, youth programs, parks programs and street repair services.
- The current 2% UUT expires in June this year for electric and gas usage "only". When renewed, no utility tax will be collected for water, telephone or cellular phone utilities. This is not a new tax or a rate increase.
- The average cost to a typical household with a combined monthly gas and electric bill of \$150.00 is \$3.00 per month.
- When renewed, maintains the current revenue cap, meaning no individual company in Carson will have to pay more than \$1 million in utility users' tax per year.
- Preserves existing citizen oversight committee that meets monthly to make budget recommendations and to oversee the use of the UUT funds.
- Historically, the UUT generates approximately \$8.8 million annually to fund essential city services comprising 12% of the city's general fund budget.
- Over 80% of the UUT is paid for by Carson businesses.

You may be exempt from paying the UUT:

- 1) *If you are a resident 62 or older
- 2) **If you make less than \$29,050 for a family of one to \$41,500 for a family of four.
- *Must apply to the City to receive exemption
- **Must provide salary verification annually to qualify



HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE:

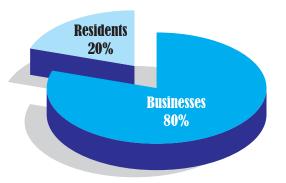
Carson residents over the age of 18 must be registered to vote by **May 23, 2016** in order to vote in the Statewide Primary Election on June 7, 2016.

Registration information and location of polling places are available online at www.lavote.net under the Voting & Elections button. The Los Angeles County Voting Information Tool allows voters to check registration status, register to vote online, register to vote by mail, find your polling place and Sample Ballot or sign up for E-Sample Ballot.

Forms are also available at most public buildings including Carson City Hall, Dept. of Motor Vehicles and libraries. For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 952-1720.

Official Sample Ballot Booklets will be mailed between April 28-May 28, 2016. Applications for Vote By Mail ballots will be handled between May 9-31, 2016. Emergency Vote by Mail applications may be made directly to the Los Angeles Registrar between June 1-7, 2016.

Projected Revenue to be Generated by UUT = \$8.8 million



Utility Users' Tax by Comparison

Cities with UUT	UUT Rate
Carson	2%
Lakewood	3%
Rancho Palos Verdes	3%
L.A. County	
(Unincorporated)	4.5%
Redondo Beach	4.75%
Gardena	5%
Long Beach	5%
Downey	5%
Hawthorne	
Lawndale	5.5%
Norwalk	5.5%
Paramount	5.5%
Hermosa Beach	6%
Torrance	6.5%
Bellflower	7%
Lynwood	9%
	10%
<u>Inglewood</u>	10%
L.A. City	10%
Seal Beach	