



Community Update 2008

Measure UUT

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What is a UUT?

- Since 1975, residents pay a Utility User Tax on telephone and cable television.
- Inglewood uses this funding to provide services such as park and recreation programs, fire, senior, and youth programs.
- The current tax rate is 10%. The revenues from this tax are approximately \$9 million in the 2007-2008 budget and represent over 10% of the general fund.





What Has Changed?

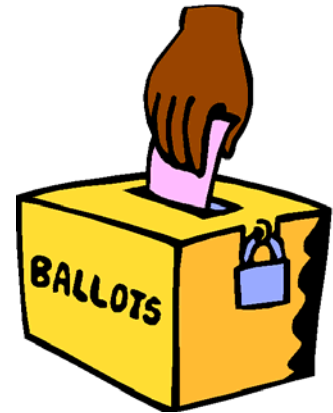
- Over the past 33 years, communications technology has changed.
- To keep pace with these technology advances, and comply with the law, the City must modernize its Utility User Tax language to treat all taxpayers equally, regardless of the technology used.





What Are We Doing About This?

- **Measure UUT** was placed on the November 4th ballot by a unanimous vote of City Council to:
 - Update and modernize the language in the Utility User Tax
 - Reduce the amount of the tax
 - Guarantee that the existing level of City services will be provided for in the future.





Why is Measure UUT on the Ballot?

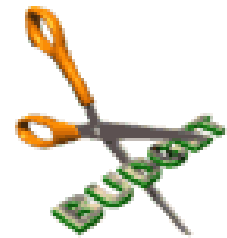
- Recent federal court decisions and litigation in several California cities with ordinances similar to Inglewood's have placed this tax revenue in jeopardy.
- With an adverse ruling the revenues collected under the current ordinance, which have funded local services for over 30 years, would be reduced.
- Adoption of the proposed ordinance would protect the City of Inglewood from an adverse outcome in any such litigation.





Why is Measure UUT Important?

- The City relies on the revenue generated by the Utility User Tax.
- Without Measure UUT, the City may be forced to make significant budget cuts in General Fund programs and services that would affect everyone such as:
 - reducing the number of 9-1-1 dispatch workers
 - eliminating after-school tutoring programs
 - reducing senior services such as free meals, nutrition programs, and health screenings





Fiscal Accountability

- The public will continue to have the opportunity to review all city budget expenditures.
- Measure UUT retains existing provisions that allow low-income seniors to apply for a refund of Utility User Taxes.





Local Control

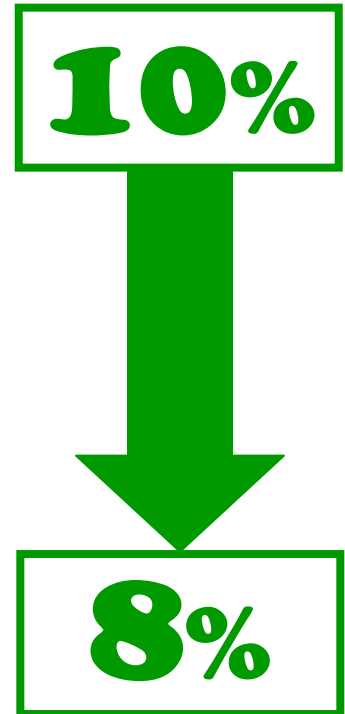
- The Utility User Tax cannot be increased without voter approval.
- Every penny generated will continue to stay in Inglewood and can be used for public safety and other essential services for our local residents.





How Does Measure UUT Affect You?

- Measure UUT will reduce the rate from 10% to 8%.
- Most people will not see substantial changes to their monthly bill.
- This measure will update the language and reduce the rate that residents have been paying since 1975.





How Can You Get Involved?

- Do you belong to other organizations that need this information?
- For more information, please contact Michael Falkow at (310) 412-8751.

