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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE \_\_\_\_

Vote YES on Measure \_\_ to raise needed revenues for vital City services, to be paid for by <sup>By</sup> ~~be~~ paid for by DEPUTY visitors to the City with zero costs to Kerman residents.

Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT), also known as a lodging or hotel tax, is charged as a percentage of a room rate to persons who occupy a hotel, motel, inn, short-term rental, or other form of transient lodging for thirty (30) days or less.

The TOT is not a property tax or a tax on Kerman residents who are not hotel or lodging guests.

Kerman currently has one motel (18 rooms), with another (14 rooms) in the final phases of completion. The City is also pursuing economic development to attract more lodging opportunities. Establishing a TOT rate now, will prepare the City when additional lodging options are constructed.

This measure will not have any impact on the physical or business environment, and its fiscal effect would be to produce revenue for the City's general fund, where our greatest expenses are in police and recreation services.

The TOT will help to ensure that those who visit Kerman and take advantage of the services we offer, such as our roads, water, sewer, police and fire, help pay for the added demand on those services.

The TOT will be included as one of City's tax revenue streams, along with sales and property taxes, but it is the only tax that does not fall on Kerman residents to pay.

Establishing a TOT of 10% will align Kerman with what many of our surrounding neighbors are charging.

Approving Measure \_\_ so that the City can plan for future development for our community, without costing residents a penny. We strongly urge a YES vote on Measure \_\_

VERIFICATION

The undersigned author(s) of the primary argument in favor of ballot Transient Occupancy Tax Measure at the Consolidated Statewide election for the City of Kerman to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

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of ballot measure Transient Occupancy Tax at the Consolidated Statewide Election for the City of Kerman to be held on Nov 8, 2022 hereby state that this

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