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The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the

_____ *Primary*
(primary / rebuttal)

argument _____ *Against*
(in favor of / against)

ballot proposition _____ *R*
(name or number)

at the _____ *General Municipal Election*
(title of election, e.g., primary, general, special)

for the _____ *City of Lodi*
(jurisdiction)

to be held on _____ *November 8, 2016* _____ hereby state
(date)

that such argument is true and correct to the best of _____ *their*
(his / her / their)

knowledge and belief.

(Legislative Body or Committee, if applicable)

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Date

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Submitted herewith is the PRIMARY ARGUMENT X or REBUTTAL _____
against Measure R
(in favor of / against) (name or number)

Arguments in support of or in opposition to the proposed laws are the opinions of the authors.

TEXT:

Lack of Accountability: one reason to vote NO.

The sales tax measure increases Lodi's sales tax from 8.0% to 8.125%. It is cheaper to purchase goods in Lodi than in Stockton where the sales tax is 9%. According to the Tax Foundation, California has the highest sales tax in the nation. LA County and some counties in the Bay Area are inching to 10% and 11%.

Lodi has a population of 63,000 residents and about a 10% unemployment rate. The city has 397 employees. The city increased salaries in 2015, 2016, and 2017. Did you receive a salary increase in the past year? Why did the city increase salaries when pension costs are spiraling?
Lodi's unfunded pension debt is over \$92 million.

Spiraling pensions costs crowd out city services like maintenance to parks, roads, upgrades and repairs. Available revenues are diverted to fund yearly pension increases.

During good financial times the city ignored maintaining and repairing existing parks. The city has acted irresponsibly by increasing city employee salaries which increases future pension debt. The Parks and Recreation budget is \$6.2 million. Why hasn't Parks and Recreation set aside money for maintenance and repairs?

A high sales tax is a regressive tax. It hurts the middle class and people on fixed and lower incomes. It increases the cost of goods and services.

Lack of Accountability: one reason to vote NO on Measure R.

Submitted by: _____
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