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

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argument in favor of  
\_\_\_\_\_ (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  
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that such argument is true and correct to the best of their  
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In Favor of \_\_\_\_\_ 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: Another reason to vote NO.**

The majority of the city budget is salaries/benefits. What are you really paying for?

What is the city not telling you? It's appalling the city has a \$92 million unfunded pension debt.

What is the guarantee that this general fund tax increase will not be used to pay for spiraling pensions, debt, and future salary costs? Just say No!

The Lodi Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director in 2015 made \$176,948.18 in total pay and benefits. Do you make this amount? A park superintendent made \$128,525.93 in total pay and benefits. Is this where your tax dollars go?

According to the California Policy Center, public safety employees (police and fire) in California saw their total compensation increase 20% to 30% more than the rate of inflation during the period 1991-2011.

According to [transparentcalifornia.com](http://transparentcalifornia.com), in 2015, over 200 Lodi city employees made over \$100,000 per year in total pay and benefits.

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.

The City's problem is not a lack of sales tax revenue but that too much is being spent on compensation packages and spiraling pension benefits.

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

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