



KERMAN CITY COUNCIL OPPOSES PROPOSITION 16 THAT WILL BE ON THE JUNE 8 ELECTIONS BALLOT

At their April 7th meeting, the Kerman City Council unanimously voted to oppose Proposition 16, the ~~Power Grab~~ Proposition slated for the June 8th Election Ballot. Other cities, public utility providers and newspaper editorials across the State are taking a firm stand against Proposition 16 as a falsely promoted "Taxpayers Right to Vote" measure. PG&E has spent \$28.5 million and is proposing to spend up to \$35 million to pass this ballot measure which is almost solely financed by the investor owned utility (PG&E).

The fundamental problem with Prop 16 is that it qualified for the June 8th ballot as an initiated constitutional amendment by what many believe to be a misleading and false advertising campaign. Amongst the major complaints are that Prop 16:

- Did not reveal that the major proponent and principal financial backer is PG&E
- Claims to be a voter protection measure when it actually has nothing to do with voting rights or taxes
- Promotional radio ads for "Yes on 16/Californians to Protect our Right to Vote" campaign is paid by a coalition of taxpayers, environmentalist, renewable energy and business/labor leaders when actually PG&E has financed almost the entire "Yes on 16" campaign.

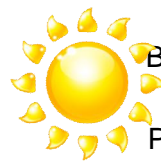
This proposed constitutional amendment would require a two-thirds majority vote of local voters before a local government could:

- Establish a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Program (such as the San Joaquin Valley Power Authority (SJVPA) of which the City of Kerman is a member.
- Use public funding to implement a plan to become a CCA provider

- Expand electrical service to new territory or new customers (this could prevent current providers e.g. Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) from providing existing energy to new annexations, etc).
- The ~~New Two-Thirds~~ Vote Requirement for Local Public Electricity Providers would effectively preclude any entity from becoming an electricity aggregator as well as virtually prohibiting any existing Municipal utility, all of whom operate on nonprofit, public interest basis, from entering into any new competitive market in California.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERMAN has determined that the City fully supports maintaining the consumer's right to choose energy from clean, renewable sources as provided for under the Community Choice Aggregation law; and strongly opposes ~~New Two-Thirds~~ Vote Requirement for Local Public Electricity Providers+ (Proposition 16) as being against the interest of California's electricity ratepayers, against the public interest, and a potential setback for renewable energy production.

Summer Hours begin June 1, 2010



City Hall - 7:30 am - 4:00 pm
Building Dept - 7:00 am - 4:00 pm
(closed 12:00 - 1:00)
Public Works - 7:00 am - 4:00 pm
(closed 12:00 - 1:00)
Community Services - 7:00 am - 4:00 pm
Water & WWTP - 7:00 am - 4:00 pm
Planning & Dev - 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
(closed 12:00 - 1:00)
Police Dept. - 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

City hall will be closed
Memorial Day
Monday, May 31, 2010



PAST DUE PAYMENTS: For customers with past due balances, the deadline for payment is **May 14th**. If payments are not received in the Kerman City Hall by **4:00 pm**, past due customers will be charged a \$15 or \$25 fee and their water will be shut off. Service will not be restored until the past due amount, current balance and all fees have been paid.

RECENT KERMAN CITY COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING BALLOT INITIATIVE TO BE ON NOVEMBER 2010 BALLOT


The Kerman City Council, at their February 17th meeting, approved a resolution supporting the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010.

The Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act, scheduled for the November 2010 statewide ballot, would prohibit the State from taking, borrowing or redirecting local taxpayer funds dedicated to public safety, emergency response and other vital local government services. The measure would close loopholes to prevent the taking of local taxpayer funds currently dedicated to cities, counties, special districts and redevelopment agencies. It would also revoke the State's power to borrow local government property tax funds. The proposed initiative would also have an impact on local government costs and revenue due to its potential effects on electricity rates and electric operations as well as the costs associated with any special elections that would be required under the initiative.

The Local Taxpayer, Public Safety & Transportation Protection Act is the **best thing citizens can do to protect ourselves from the budget uncertainties we face due to the state's actions.** The City of Kerman suffers every year during budget season at the hands of the state as they dip into revenue streams that rightfully have been directed to local government by the voters! If we want to end that uncertainty and the many difficulties when the state does take municipal revenue, we need to pass this ballot measure . and **the first step is getting enough signatures to qualify it for the ballot.**

The Kerman City Council has taken a position of support placing this issue on the Nov. 2010 ballot and gathering the signatures to qualify for the ballot.

Residential Water Leakage



Month	Read	Leaks	%
Dec. 09	1,678	324	19%
Jan. 10	1,687	253	15%
Feb. 10	1,680	184	11%
Mar. 10	1,687	234	14%

2010 U.S. CENSUS EFFORTS

In March 2010, the United States Postal Service (USPS) began delivering Census questionnaires to most known residential addresses in the United States. In addition, in some areas, Census questionnaires were delivered to housing units by Census workers. A letter of explanation was included with each questionnaire. The letter asked the occupant to complete the Census questionnaire and mail it back to the Census Bureau in the prepaid return envelope that was included with the Census questionnaire.

Most households that receive Census questionnaires return them by mail. However, there will be several million addresses throughout the country from which no mail return will be received. This could be because the address is vacant, no longer exists, or because the occupants have not completed and returned the form.

Census workers will visit the non-responding addresses from May 1 – July 10, 2010 to obtain the necessary Census information

Do You Use On-Line Banking to Pay Your Bill?



If you schedule your City of Kerman payments through your bank's on-line system, please make sure that they are scheduled early enough to arrive before the due date. When you pay on-line, your bank mails us a check for the amount due and that check may take 3-5 days to arrive in our office. Many customers are seeing late charges on their bills due the late arrival of payments, so you may need to check with your bank to make sure they are sent with time to arrive before they are due.

WATER USAGE SCHEDULE



Year Round Watering Schedule:

Odd House Numbers may water on

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

Even House Numbers may water on

Wednesday, Friday and Sunday

Before 6:00am, between 8:00 am and Noon,

Or after 7:00 pm

No watering allowed on Monday or between 6:00 am and 8:00am, and Noon to 7:00 pm every day



If you are interested in starting or joining a Neighborhood Watch Program please contact the Kerman Police Dept. . Officer Sandra Mendoza @ 846-6634