

# Laguna Residents

**DON'T LET YOUR TAX DOLLARS BE USED IRRESPONSIBLY!**



In general, people aren't against undergrounding utility poles. For years, many neighborhoods have invested in undergrounding through the Assessment District process. This process allows homeowners **WHO BENEFIT MOST** to underground their neighborhoods at a shared cost rather than putting the burden on **ALL** residents.

**YOU DESERVE TO KNOW THE FACTS!**

- Is the city running a **FEAR TACTICS** campaign promoting a General Obligation Bond and sales tax hike to sell voters on paying for utility undergrounding?
- Is the city **EXAGGERATING** the danger risk of overhead utilities - less than 1% of all fires in Laguna have been caused by overhead utilities over 10 years and not one caused substantial area damage?\*
- Is the city **MISLEADING** residents with **FALSE CLAIMS** that removing utility poles would **ENSURE** safe evacuation routes in the event of fire or other natural disaster?
- Is the city **TRICKING** residents into believing the tax increases will be used solely for underground utilities and **FAILING TO INFORM** us that undergrounding estimates often increase substantially, based on the experience of other cities?

**DON'T BE MISLED!**  
**DON'T BE FOOLED!**



- **QUESTION** burdening those who already paid to underground to pay again to subsidize those living on the arbitrary "evacuation routes".
- **INSIST** on investing in solar, wireless and renewable power sources, rather than undergrounding soon to be obsolete 19th century technology. Let the power company attend to their poles.
- **DEMAND** that the City substantiate their utility facts so you can make informed decisions.
- **REQUIRE** the City to **EARMARK** all tax revenues generated from any GO Bond or sales tax **SOLELY** for undergrounding utility poles and set an **END DATE** for all tax measures. **NO GENERAL SLUSH FUND MONEY!**
- **HOLD** the City accountable to exhaust all private and public funding options before raising our taxes and asking residents to pay.

**Make your voices heard!**

Please attend the May 22, 2018 City Council Meeting



**Laguna Residents - get the FACTS at S.T.O.P**  
**[www.stoptaxingourproperty.com](http://www.stoptaxingourproperty.com)**

**STOP** is an alliance of concerned Laguna Beach residents formed to **STOP** unnecessary taxation of residents and provide all the important factual information on utility undergrounding.

\* Based on estimated 100 fires/per year over 10 years from all causes and city's reporting of only 6 utility fires in 10 years