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Connie Hamilton  
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Dear Ms. Hamilton:

Below is my response to the first question for the “Ask the City Manager” Section on the Connect-to-Council website.

### Question

Last year, the Santa Ana voters passed a measure to lower the Utility User’s Tax (UUT) for the residents by .5%. On the average, how much is this expected to save each resident on an annual basis?

### Answer

The voter adopted Utility Users’ Tax (UUT) ordinance allowed the City to preserve its third largest General Fund revenue that supports many key services such as public safety, libraries, parks, as well as the overall continuation of City programs and services for City residents and businesses. Changes to the UUT ordinance were based on a three-pronged approach of amending the ordinance to incorporate changes in telecommunications technology, removal of the cap on UUT to insure a fair and equitable application of the UUT (everyone pays the same), as well as provide some relief through a reduction of the rate from 6% to 5.5%. The reduction will allow the average household to save 8.3% or the equivalent of \$24 annually as a result of the 0.5% reduction in the UUT rate in all four utility categories (gas, water, electric, and phone).

Sincerely,

David Cavazos  
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