



Check List for Accepting Ballot Arguments

**** Do Not file stamp the argument until all items below are checked off ****

Is Title of Argument correct?
"Argument In Favor of Measure ___;" "Argument Against Measure ___;" "Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure ___;" "Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure ~~94~~" (EC §9162,9315,9501)

Word Count within limit?
Primary Arguments=300 (EC §§9162, 9315, 9501); Rebuttals=250 (EC §9167, 9317, 9504) Remember, the title of the argument and required language from EC §9600 are not counted towards word count limit.

Required form statement submitted with signatures?
If not, do not accept (code states "all arguments filed shall be accompanied by..." and "shall" is mandatory in the code). (EC §9600)

Accompanying signatures and dates
EC §9600 states that both proponents and authors must sign if they are different. However, only the first five (5) signatures will be printed as per EC §§9164 and 9501.5. Make sure you know who is who (see below). Make sure there is only one "title" (if any) appearing underneath each signers name. This is county policy.

Author Designated?
Be sure the author is clearly designated. EC §§9167, 9317, and 9504 requires the Elections Official to send copies of the pro and con arguments to the authors so they may prepare a rebuttal argument. For Rebuttal Arguments, remember to check the primary argument and verify that the author is the same or has authorized someone else in writing (see form) to prepare/submit/sign rebuttal argument.

Who is this argument being filed by? (please circle appropriate choice below)

- a.) The governing board of the district or member or members of the board authorized by the board.
- b.) The individual voter, or *bona fide association of citizens, or combination of voters and associations who are the bona fide sponsors or proponents of the measure.
- c.) Bona fide association of citizens.
- d.) Individual voters who are eligible to vote on the measure.
If the argument is being submitted on behalf of an organization (or bona fide association), the name of the organization and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principle officers must be included. (EC §§9164, 9501.5)

Check each signature against the voter file.
Also make sure you check that each "individual voter" lives within the boundaries of the district and is eligible to vote on the measure. If there is a proponent who is not registered in this county or within the district they cannot have their signature appear unless they are a "bona fide association" or organization.

When all of the above items are checked:
It is now ok to file stamp the argument as received for filing. Return to the proponent and make sure you obtain a fax number and e-mail address so you can send them the appropriate argument for preparing their rebuttal. If no fax or e-mail is available, then obtain an address to mail the argument.

Remind proponent of due date for Rebuttal arguments and that the name and signature of the author of the primary argument also appear on their rebuttal argument. Pursuant to EC 9167 (county), 9317 (district), and 9504 (school), we may only accept the rebuttal argument with different signers/preparers IF the original authors have provided permission (see form).

Ask for an electronic file for the Sample Ballot & Official Voter Information Pamphlet. The electronic file should be emailed to the Sample Ballot coordinator and cc'd to the filing office.

AUTHOR INFORMATION:

Name _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF ELECTIONS OFFICER
OF SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIF.
FEB 25 2013
By: MARK CHURCH, Chief Elections Officer
DEPUTY CLERK



Ballot Measure Primary Argument Submission Form

A ballot argument shall not be accepted unless accompanied by this completed form, which shall contain the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the person(s) submitting it or, if submitted on behalf of a bona fide association of citizens/organization, the name of the association/organization and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers. If the measure is presented to voters pursuant to an initiative petition in a special district election, please contact the Elections Office for special instructions.

Word count limit for Primary Arguments = 300

Ballot Measure 0 for the _____ to be held on _____.

Primary Argument in Favor of Primary Argument Against

This argument is submitted by: (check all that apply)

The Governing Body of the County of San Mateo, a School District, or a Special District
 If this argument is filed by the governing body of the County of San Mateo, a school district or a special district, fill in the name of the governing body on the line below and complete both sides of this form.

Governing Body: _____

Contact Person's Printed Name: _____ Contact Person's Signature: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Member(s) of the Governing Body of the County of San Mateo, a School District, or a Special District
 If this argument is filed by any member(s) of the governing body, fill in the information below and complete both sides of this form. By statute, members of school district governing boards need board authorization to file an argument.

Member(s) of the Governing Body: _____ Name of Governing Body: _____

Contact Person's Printed Name: _____ Contact Person's Signature: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Bona Fide Association of Citizens/Organization
 If this argument is filed by a bona fide association of citizens/organization, the signers of the argument must be affiliated with the association/organization, be authorized to sign the argument on its behalf, provide the printed name and signature of at least one principal officer of the organization, and complete both sides of this form.

Name of Association/Organization: Libertarian Party of San Mateo County CA

Principal Officer's Printed Name and Title: Harland Harrison, Chair Principal Officer's Signature: _____

Contact Person's Printed Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Individual(s) eligible to vote on the measure
 Individual signers must be eligible to vote on the measure.

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Please complete the reverse side of this form.

Primary Argument Signers Form

Each signer must designate in which capacity they are signing. Check the one box that applies.

No more than five signatures shall appear with any argument. If more than five signatures are submitted, the first five listed shall be printed.

Names and titles listed will be printed in the order that they are listed below.

If the signers are part of a bona fide association/organization, there is no requirement that they be eligible to vote on the measure. However, for each such signing individual(s), the title under the signer's name shall list the name of that bona fide association/organization and may include their position within that association/organization.

By signing below, the undersigned state that they have read the argument and believe it not to be false or misleading.

Governing Body of San Mateo County, a School District, or a Special District
 Member(s) of the Governing Body of San Mateo County, a School District, or a Special District
 Bona Fide Association of Citizens/Organization
 Individual(s) eligible to vote on the measure

1.	Name: <u>Mark W.A. Hinkle</u>	Title: <u>President</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Phone: [Redacted]					
	Address: [Redacted]					
	Signature: [Redacted]	Date: <u>2/25/13</u>				
2.	Name: <u>Harland Harrison</u>	Title: <u>Chair</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Phone: [Redacted]	Email: [Redacted]				
	Address: [Redacted]					
	Signature: [Redacted]	Date: <u>2-25-2013</u>				
3.	Name:	Title:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Phone:	Email:				
	Address:					
	Signature:	Date:				
4.	Name:	Title:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Phone:	Email:				
	Address:					
	Signature:	Date:				
5.	Name:	Title:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Phone:	Email:				
	Address:					
	Signature:	Date:				

Submit a second form (this side only) for alternate signers attached to this form and the argument.

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Signers Registered N/A Signed Dated
 Bona Fide Association Verified N/A Signed Dated

Rebuttal to the Argument in Favor of Measure O

The proponents of Measure O say they want to "prepare students to succeed in college and the global economy." 18

The global economy means competition. C

So, how well does Portola Valley School District compete with other top school districts in San Mateo County? 13
 → elementary

Education Data Partnership (www.Ed-Data.k12.ca.us) can provide some illuminating answers. 9

The district students for the 2011-12 school year (latest available) scored at "Proficient" or "Advanced" in the following STAR categories: S 15

Category	Portola Valley	Las Lomas
English	90%	92%
Mathematics	88%	90%
Science	93%	95%
History	81%	96%

The Las Lomas Elementary School District scored higher in every category. C

Let's compare expenditures for each of these districts for 2010-11. 10

Average Daily Attendance expenditures (all activities): C

- Las Lomas Elementary: \$12,515
- Portola Valley School District: \$17,613

Las Lomas Elementary School District spent \$5,098 LESS than Portola Valley School District, and yet earned better results in every category. C 8

Why? Proponents suggest more money equals better education. Do you agree? 11

Let's compare teacher salaries for the two districts: 8

Salary ranges	Las Lomas Elementary School District: 2011-12	Portola Valley Elementary School District: 2009-10 (latest figures)
Lowest:	\$51,656	\$53,701
Highest:	\$109,467	\$109,970
Average:	\$92,494	\$96,673