Ballot Measure Primary Argument Submission Form

A ballot argument will 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, the name of the association and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers.

Word count limit for Primary Arguments = 300 words

Ballot Measure M for the GENERAL to be held on 11-8-22

☐ Primary Argument in Favor of ☑ Primary Argument Against M

This argument is submitted by (check ONLY ONE):

☐ The County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors or the Governing Body of a School District or Special District

Name of Governing Body:

Contact Person's Printed Name:

Phone: Email:

☐ Member(s) of the County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors or the Governing Body of a School District or Special District

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☑ Bona Fide Association of Citizens

If this argument is filed by a bona fide association of citizens, the signers of the argument must be affiliated with the association and be authorized to sign the argument on its behalf. Provide the printed name and signature of at least one principal officer of the association.

Name of Association: SILICON VALLEY TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Contact Person's Printed Name: MARK W.A. HINKLE

Phone: Email:

☐ Individual Voters Eligible to Vote on the Measure

Contact Person's Printed Name:

Phone: Email:

☐ Combination of Voters and Associations

Contact Person's Printed Name:

Phone: Email:

Arguments will be emailed to the contact person listed here for review before they are printed in the Sample Ballot & Official Voter Information Pamphlets.

Please complete the reverse side of this form.

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Primary Argument Signers Form

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. Place a checkmark in the author column if the signer is the author of the argument. A signer can only list one title.

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

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

Print information clearly.

1. | Name: MARK W. HINKLE | Title: PRESIDENT, SILICON VALLEY TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION |
| Phone: | Email: |
| Address: | MAJOR STREET, MORGAN HILL, CA 95037 |
| Signature: | Date: 8/10/22 |

2. | Name: | Title: |
| Phone: | Email: |
| Address: | |
| Signature: | Date: |

3. | Name: | Title: |
| Phone: | Email: |
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| Address: | |
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5. | Name: | Title: |
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Submit a second form (this side only) for alternate signers attached to this form and the argument.
Argument Against Bayshore Elementary School District Parcel Tax – Measure M

START HERE:

In 2008, voters approved the Bayshore Elementary School District’s so-called “temporary” parcel tax.  

In 2014, district voters approved another so-called “temporary” parcel tax.  

Now Bayshore Elementary School District is asking us for permission to drag the 2008/2014 parcel taxes out for another 8 years!

Does the district know the meaning of “temporary”???

The district always makes the same “we have no money” pleas, to scare us into voting for higher taxes.

This time we should tell them NO. And here’s why:

Bayshore Elementary School District’s enrollment has been declining.

The district spends $15,693 per student per year, which is 105% of the statewide average.

With enrollment declining, presumably they will need fewer teachers and fewer classrooms.

Why would they need more tax revenue with lower enrollment and fewer teachers?

An experienced, capable school board should face facts, when their community’s enrollment shrinks. Their homework assignment: tighten the budget (just as many district families are doing!) and strategize how to restructure with fewer teachers and fewer classrooms.

Even if enrollment were magically growing, is the current parcel tax revenue being put to good use?

To answer that, let’s check our students’ academic proficiency (2018–19):

72.69% of students are below grade level in English.

72.87% of students are below grade level in math.

(Source: Education Data Partnership, www.Ed-Data.org)
That's nearly 3/4 of district children apparently being neglected in core subjects! Yet Bayshore Elementary School District wishes to be rewarded in the face of these dismal academics.

Please don't reward failure with your and your neighbors' hard-earned money. Demand sensible budgeting and proper academic attention for our children, before even considering rewarding the district the next time they come pleading.

Don't reward bad behavior. Please vote NO on Measure M.

Like us, you can be for schools, for students, for teachers -- and against Measure .

For more information: www.SVTaxpayers.org

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