CITY OF HALF MOON BAY

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CITY OF HALF MOON BAY REBUTTAL ARGUMENT SUBMISSION FORM

If both an argument in favor of and against a measure have been selected for publication in the voter information pamphlet, a rebuttal to the argument in favor of or the argument against the measure may be submitted as outlined in this form.

The author(s) or a majority of the authors of the argument in favor of the measure may prepare and submit a rebuttal argument to the argument against the measure or may authorize in writing other person(s) to prepare, submit, or sign the rebuttal argument. Likewise, the author(s) or a majority of the authors of the argument against the measure may prepare and submit a rebuttal argument to the argument in favor of the measure or may authorize in writing other person(s) to prepare, submit, or sign the rebuttal argument.

A rebuttal argument shall not be accepted unless accompanied by this completed form. In addition to the information provided here, the argument 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 who is the author of the argument.

Word count limit for Rebuttal Arguments - 250 words
Deadline for Receipt of Rebuttal Argument – August 23, 2018 at 5:00 pm

☐ Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure
☒ Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure

| SIGNED BY EXACT SAME INDIVIDUAL(S) AS ARGUMENT ALREADY SELECTED FOR THE VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET |
| If you are submitting a rebuttal argument and the individual(s) signing the rebuttal argument are the same as the individual(s) signing the original Ballot Measure Primary Argument Submission Form, check the following box and complete the back side of this form. |
| ☑ Rebuttal Argument is Signed by Same Individual(s) as Argument Already Selected for the Voter Information Packet |

| SIGNED BY INDIVIDUAL(S) DIFFERENT FROM THE PRIMARY ARGUMENT |
| If the rebuttal argument is signed by anyone different than the signer(s) of the Ballot Measure Primary Argument Submission Form already submitted – including whether there is only one different individual or whether there are up to five new individuals – the signers must complete the section below, complete the back side of this form, and attach to this form written authorization by the authors, or a majority of the authors, of the Primary Argument that indicates: (i) your name(s); and (ii) the Primary Argument author’s name(s), contact information, and signed statement authorizing the individuals to prepare, submit, and sign the Rebuttal Argument. |

| Contact Person: | Phone: |
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| Fax #: |
| Email: | Date: |
With their signature, signers state that they have read the argument and believe it not to be false or misleading. 

PLEASE ATTACH A HARD COPY OF THE REBUTTAL ARGUMENT TO THIS FORM AND PROVIDE AN ELECTRONIC (WORD) COPY VIA EMAIL TO
City of Half Moon Bay: Advisory Measures B

Advisory Vote Only: Should the City draft and adopt an ordinance to allow and regulate retail sales of cannabis and cannabis products at up to two locations within the City?

Rebuttal Argument for the Primary Argument Against:

This is an ADVISORY MEASURE ONLY to give the City Council guidance as to the community’s opinions on retail cannabis activities for potential future ordinances.

We support allowing limited local medical cannabis dispensaries - within the context of what is right for our unique community - in order to allow our hundreds of local patients access to safe, regulated cannabis products. Senior and adult medical patients suffering from chronic pain and other health conditions need safe and local access to cannabis so they may take advantage of the well-known therapeutic benefits. Many need to work with a trained dispensary technician and cannot receive the same level of care and guidance from a delivery person. Further, peer reviewed medical research shows that state-regulated cannabis programs significantly reduce the number of opioid prescriptions written (particularly for seniors)* and the number of opioid overdose deaths by 25%.**

Limited local medical cannabis dispensaries would not affect traffic safety or traffic density. Half Moon Bay is not a cannabis destination, and two medical retail locations will not change that - especially with hundreds of other dispensaries already available to the tourists traveling to the coast from across the state.

The State has implemented and enforces strict restrictions on cannabis marketing, promotions, and events in alignment with community standards regarding all adult-use activities such as alcohol or tobacco consumption. We expect any local cannabis operations to follow those and other diversion prevention protocols and requirements.

*Bachhuber et al, 2014
**Bradford et al, 2018