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 L for the San Mateo Union Bond to be held on March 03, 2020

☐ Primary Argument in Favor of ☐ Primary Argument Against

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 Hinkle

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

☐ 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:

Mark Hinkle

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

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.

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Submit a second form (this side only) for alternate signers attached to this form and the argument.
Argument Against San Mateo High School District $385M Bond Issue: Measure L

How greedy can you get?

In 2010 voters approved $186,000,000 in debt to “Provide classrooms” and in 2006 they approved $298,000,000 in additional debt to “Build new and replace old classrooms”.

Now they want another $385,000,000 to do the same things all over again???

Do schools really need upgrading every four to ten years?

Have they even spent the $186,000,000 from the 2010 bond or the $298,000,000 from 2006?

If not, why are they asking for more of your hard-earned tax dollars?

When bond debt measures like **Measure L** are put before the voters, they are admitting that everything they are currently spending your tax dollars on now, is more important than the projects for which this tax increase is being sought.

Budgets set priorities. San Mateo High School District is **saying every educational dollar spent today is going to a higher priority than to "provide classrooms"**.

Do you agree?

The website: [www.ed-data.org](http://www.ed-data.org) shows at least 9,484 students in the district, which means this bond expense is $40,594 per student, on top of the $19,611 per student expenses from 2010 and the $17,534 per student in the annual school budget.

Would you take out a 25-30-year loan to buy a personal computer? Nuts, right? But that’s what the District wants you pay for now, like they did in 2010. They issued bond debt to purchase technology in 2010 that is now obsolete, but you are still paying for it.

You deserved to know the full truth about measure L.

**If you value school maintenance more than making principal and interest payments for 25-30 years, vote NO on Measure L.**

Remember, financing school projects via bonds, routinely double the cost of the project. And purchasing technology via bond debt is just nuts!

For more information: www.SVTaxpayers.org

*Filed in the Office of the Chief Elections Officer of San Mateo County, Calif.*

Dec 13 2019

By [Handwritten signature]

Deputy Clerk