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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  for the Primary to be held on 3-3-2020

☑ 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

Name of Governing Body:

Contact Person's Printed Name:

Phone: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

☐ 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: Silicone Valley Taxpayers Association

Contact Person's Printed Name: MARK W. 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 Assn
   Phone:  Email:  Address: Morgan Hill, CA 95037
   Signature: Date: 12-13-19

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

3. Name:  Title:  Phone:  Email:  Address:
   Signature: Date:  

4. Name:  Title:  Phone:  Email:  Address:
   Signature: Date:  

5. Name:  Title:  Phone:  Email:  Address:
   Signature: Date:  

Submit a second form (this side only) for alternate signers attached to this form and the argument.
Portola Valley School District $531 Parcel Tax: Argument Against Measure P

With this latest “temporary” parcel tax, the Portola Valley School District claims they need a tax increase to continue providing “quality education”.

The district not only wants to extend the 2013 “temporary” parcel tax ($581) for another 8 years, but they want to add 3% each year for the next 8 years.

Have they earned this extension that will cost you over $6,660 over the next 8 years (on top of the taxes you are already paying)?

Let’s look at latest academic performance:

2017-18 school year results: 16.16% below grade level for English.

2017-18 school year results: 15.44% below grade for math.

The District rewarded students, parents and taxpayers for the passage of the 2013 parcel tax by dropping proficiency in both English and math!

Source: California Department of Education Data Partnership – www.ed-data.org

It’s clear to see why student enrollment is declining.

Should you, the voters, reward the district for dropping scores in both subjects?

If no, we encourage you to vote NO on Measure P.

This District is already spending $27,000 per student per year, which is 224% ABOVE the statewide average ($12,082), yet providing average education. Yet, they want more of your hard-earned money to pad their salaries (averaging $101,829 plus up to $24,000 in benefits) and fat pension plans.

The measure says that none of the funds will be used for administration. But funds generated separately from this parcel tax can be used for administration expenses without limits. So, that is really an empty promise. Do not be fooled.

Tell the Portola Valley School Board to be fiscally responsible by voting NO on Measure P.

If you reward failure, you will get more failure!

For more information please visit us at www.svtaxpayers.org