



# 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 Y;" (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 officer.

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**FILED** IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
CHIEF ELECTIONS OFFICER  
OF SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIF

FEB 20 2013

MARK CHURCH, Chief Elections Officer

By [Signature]  
DEPUTY CLERK

Rebuttal of Argument against Measure N

A problem with out-of-town opposition to our local ballot measure is that they don't know our school system. |

Let's look at what really happened and how the schools improved in the last few years. 16

- The API for the District went from 727 in 2006 to 770 in 2012. 14
- The API for the high school went from 710 in 2006 to 777 in 2012. 15
- In 2012 71% of all 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> graders scored proficient or higher in math. 13
- The programs introduced in the last few years focused entirely on increasing student achievement and LHPUSD has made greater gains than any other San Mateo County school district over the past two years. 17

The 2005 parcel tax also funded a music program for all students. This brought wonderful enrichment to all children and resulted in amazing musical performances. 14

The 2005 parcel tax also bought 190 computers for students, LCD projectors for classrooms and over 1600 books for the libraries. 16

An independent committee examined how the parcel tax money was spent and found that ALL the money was spent as specified in the ballot measure. 12

Measure N will not increase our taxes by one cent. They just continue unchanged. 14

Prop. 30 did not increase funding; it just averted a mid-year budget cut. Nor will the funding changes proposed by the governor increase funds for our District. In fact we anticipate a decrease by about 9% next year. 18

The benefits from the 2005 parcel tax were outstanding. Continue them! 11

VOTE YES ON MEASURE N. 11

200 words

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# Ballot Measure Argument Rebuttal 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 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 any other person or persons to prepare, submit, or sign the rebuttal argument. Likewise, the author 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 any other person or persons to prepare, submit, or sign the rebuttal argument.

A rebuttal 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.

Word count limit for Rebuttal Arguments = 250

The rebuttal arguments shall be submitted to the elections official conducting the election no later than \_\_\_\_\_.

These rules apply to all rebuttal arguments unless a rebuttal argument is otherwise provided by law.

Ballot Measure N for the \_\_\_\_\_ to be held on May 7, 2013.

Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure \_\_\_\_\_  Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure N

**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

**Submitted by Different Individual(s) as the Opposing 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—you must complete the section below, complete the back side of this form, and attach to this form the written authorization by the author that indicates: (i) your name(s); and (ii) the author's name, contact information, statement of authorization, and signature.

Contact Person:	Phone:
Mailing Address:	
Fax:	Email:

Please complete the reverse side of this form.

Rebuttal 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, 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 of the Governing Body of San Mateo County, a School District, or a Special District	Bona Fide Association of Citizens/Organization	Individual
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1.	Name: SARAH BAGHMAN	Title: SELF	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Phone: [REDACTED]	Email: [REDACTED]				
	Address: [REDACTED]					
	Signature: [REDACTED]	Date: 2.21.13				
2.	Name: CATHERINE M. PEERY	Title: Pension Consultant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Phone: [REDACTED]	Email: [REDACTED]				
	Address: [REDACTED]					
	Signature: Catherine M. Peery	Date: 2-22-2013				
3.	Name: Amy Wooliever	Title: Superintendent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Phone: [REDACTED]	Email: [REDACTED]				
	Address: [REDACTED]					
	Signature: [REDACTED]	Date: 2-22-2013				
4.	Name: Peter K. Bohacelt	Title: Trustee, LHPUSD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Phone: [REDACTED]	Email: [REDACTED]				
	Address: [REDACTED]					
	Signature: [REDACTED]	Date: 2/22/13				
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.

Signers	<input type="checkbox"/> Registered	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY		Signed	Dated
	<input type="checkbox"/> Verified	N/A		Signed	Dated
Bona Fide Association	<input type="checkbox"/> Verified	N/A		Signed	Dated