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 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(s) 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 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 signatures(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 words
Deadline for Receipt of Rebuttal Argument – August 25, 2014 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

SUBMITTED BY DIFFERENT INDIVIDUAL(S) DIFFERENT FROM 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: Harland Harrison
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Date: 8-25-2014

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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 ARGUMENT TO THIS FORM AND PROVIDE AN ELECTRONIC COPY VIA EMAIL AT SSMITH@HMBCITY.COM OR ON A FLASH DRIVE OR DISK.
Half Moon Bay does not need this extra tax. It never did. City officials argued for this tax hike in 2012, fearing decades of debt, because they had borrowed money to pay for the Beachwood property they had previously flooded. Then, just weeks before the election, the Arbitrator ruled that insurance covered $10 million in liability.

The City Council can spend this tax almost any way they want. Proponents might mention popular projects, but Measure O allows anything that might "improve the quality of life".

Routine road maintenance should never need "temporary" tax increases. In fact, California counties must set aside a 1/4% Sales Tax for road maintenance and transportation. Half Moon Bay should maintain its roads from the 1% Sales Tax it automatically receives.

Proponents say this tax updated the Library. Now they suggest the same tax can tear the Library down and rebuild it.

Half Moon Bay already raised the Hotel Tax to 12% to maintain streets and fund the library. This tax is unnecessary.

The "Half Moon Bay Budget In Brief, 2013-2014" says that insurance settlements totaling $13,15 are paying off the bond early—not the sales tax hike.

That Budget shows a surplus: $13.3 million income vs. $12.7 million expenditures, including a one-time payment of $900,000 to retirement funds. Even proponents had estimated this tax would raise only $870,000 annually.

Measure O is not just a tax on visitors: Residents pay it when they buy a car. It taxes everyone who lives or shops in Half Moon Bay!

Please vote NO on Measure O.