



# 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 0;" "Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure \_\_\_;" "Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure \_\_\_" (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.

**AUTHOR INFORMATION:**

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Phone   
E-mail 

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FEB 15 2013

By MARK CHURCH Chief Elections Officer  
DEPUTY CLERK

# Argument Against Measure O

The proponents of Measure O think we don't pay enough taxes.

Despite these harsh economic times, they think they can squeeze even more money out of us. 15

They presume they can spend the money you earn, better than you can. Is that true? 14

This past November, Proposition 30 was passed by the voters to "fund the schools." 14

Proposition 30 taxes have just started being collected, yet school officials couldn't wait to seek even more money from us. 14  
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Shouldn't we first see what state funds are restored, before seeking additional funding from property owners, business owners and tenants? 15  
5

In 2004 and again in 2010, the district voters passed "temporary" taxes, of \$290 and \$168 respectively that are still in effect today. Why is the district incurring the extra expense of a special election now? 17  
19

The two district schools have a student population of 711 (the latest figures available: 2010-11), according to Education Data Partnership ([www.Ed-Data.K12.ca.us](http://www.Ed-Data.K12.ca.us)). 15  
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Ed-Data reports Average Daily Attendance (ADA) expenses of \$11,386,981 for 666 students. 13

That's \$17,086 per student, when the elementary school statewide average is \$7,789. 12

The district spending is over twice the statewide average --yet that still isn't enough money for them. 17

California teachers are the highest paid in the nation. This district's average teacher salary is \$96,673 compared to the statewide average of \$67,531. Again, that still isn't enough money for them. 14  
15

Even the lowest-paid teacher gets \$53,701 annually: 34% more than the statewide average of \$39,983! 17

The highest-paid teacher gets \$109,970 per year: 43.9% more than the statewide elementary teacher average of \$76,391. 15  
3

The economy is tough for most of us, but apparently not for district teachers. Let's insist they set a better example of monetary prudence, for our children, by voting No on Measure O. 19  
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For more information: [www.SVTaxpayers.org/portola-valley](http://www.SVTaxpayers.org/portola-valley)

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# Ballot Measure Primary Argument Submission Form

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Ballot Measure 0 for the \_\_\_\_\_ to be held on 5/7/13.

Primary Argument in Favor of  Primary Argument Against

### This argument is submitted by: (check all that apply)

**The Governing Body of the County of San Mateo, a School District, or a Special District**  
 If this argument is filed by the governing body of the County of San Mateo, a school district or a special district, fill in the name of the governing body on the line below and complete both sides of this form.

Governing Body: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Member(s) of the Governing Body of the County of San Mateo, a School District, or a Special District**  
 If this argument is filed by any member(s) of the governing body, fill in the information below and complete both sides of this form. By statute, members of school district governing boards need board authorization to file an argument.

Member(s) of the Governing Body: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Governing Body: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bona Fide Association of Citizens/Organization**  
 If this argument is filed by a bona fide association of citizens/organization, the signers of the argument must be affiliated with the association/organization, be authorized to sign the argument on its behalf, provide the printed name and signature of at least one principal officer of the organization, and complete both sides of this form.

Name of Association/Organization: Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association

Principal Officer's Printed Name and Title: Mark Hinkle; President Principal Officer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person's Printed Name: Mark Hinkle Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual(s) eligible to vote on the measure**  
 Individual signers must be eligible to vote on the measure.

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please complete the reverse side of this form. By [Signature] DEPUTY CLERK



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Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Association/Organization: Libertarian Party of San Mateo County, CA

Principal Officer's Printed Name and Title: Harland Harrison, Chair Principal Officer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person's Printed Name: " " \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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