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 (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.

☐ 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:

Name: [Redacted]
Phone: [Redacted]
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FEB 1, 2013

MARK CURRAN, Chief Elections Officer
DEPUTY CLERK
A ballot 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. If the measure is presented to voters pursuant to an initiative petition in a special district election, please contact the Elections Office for special instructions.

Word count limit for Primary Arguments = 300

Ballot Measure ____________________________ for the Rutola Valley Special Election to be held on May 7, 2013.

☐ 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: ____________________________

Principal Officer’s Printed Name and Title: ____________________________  Principal Officer’s Signature: ____________________________

Contact Person’s Printed Name: ____________________________  Email: ____________________________

Phone: ____________________________  Fax: ____________________________

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

Contact Person: ____________________________  Phone: ____________________________

Fax: ____________________________  Email: ____________________________

Please complete the reverse side of this form.
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Signers

Bona Fide Association

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Verified
N/A
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Vote YES on Measure _ to protect our outstanding Ormondale and Corte Madera schools.

We are proud to have award-winning schools in Portola Valley, with test scores among the top in the state. Our outstanding teachers and strong academic programs prepare students to succeed in college and the global economy.

Measure _ will protect strong student achievement and help teachers maintain the high level of reading, writing, math and science instruction in our schools. Measure _ will protect academic programs so our excellent performance standards can be maintained.

Every penny from Measure _ will be controlled locally and will go directly to Ormondale and Corte Madera schools. None of the funds can be taken away by the State.

Your YES vote is critical. With ongoing state budget cuts, we simply can’t rely on the State to fund the quality of education our students deserve. For almost 10 years, our community has generously supported our local elementary and middle schools by voting in favor of a local funding measure. This funding is about to expire unless local voters support Measure _.

Vote YES to protect strong student achievement:
- Advanced academic programs in math, science and technology
- Quality reading and writing programs in our elementary school
- Art and music programs
- Manageable class sizes
- Retaining qualified, experienced teachers

Fiscal accountability ensures funds are spent as promised:
- By law, all funds must stay local and cannot be taken by the State
- No money can be used for administrators’ salaries or benefits
- Independent audits and annual reports are required
- Seniors are eligible for an exemption

By keeping our schools among the top in the state, we protect property values for all of us, even those without children in school.

Please join community members, parents and local leaders in voting YES on Measure _ for our students.
Signers:

Albert R. Schreck
Longtime Resident of Portola Valley

Nancy Lund
Former Portola Valley School Teacher

Heather Asborno
Corte Madera School PTO President

John Richards
Portola Valley Mayor

Jamie Kerr
Co-Owner, Alice's Restaurant and Woodside Resident