Ballot Measure Primary Argument Submission Form

Pacifica School District

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 primary __________ to be held on June 7, 2016.

☐ 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: ____________________________

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☐ 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 W. Hinkle, President

Contact Person’s Printed Name:

Mark Hinkle

Phone: ____________________________

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: ____________________________

Please complete the reverse side of this form.
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.

If the signers are part of a bona fide association/organization, there is no requirement that they be eligible to vote on the measure. However, 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.

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Submit a second form (this side only) for alternate signers attached to this form and the argument.

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Signers  □ Registered  N/A  Signed  Dated
Bona Fide Association  □ Verified  N/A  Signed  Dated
Pacifica School District $118 Parcel Tax: Argument Against Measure

This latest parcel tax from the Pacifica School District tries to use the state budget crisis to grab unearned money. The district wants to extend the 2010 parcel tax of $118 per year for another 10 years, while the enrollment in the district is declining.

Have they earned this extension that will cost you $1,180 over the next 10 years (on top of the money you are already paying)?

Let's look at the student test scores for English learners attaining English proficiency:

2014-15 school year results: 66.1% meeting proficiency.

Source: California Department of Education Assessment and Accountability Division

If you got 66.1% of the answers right on a test, that would be a D grade, would it not?

Should you, the voters, reward a 33.9% failure rate?

If not, we encourage you to vote NO on Measure.

The statewide average expense per student is $8,788 per year versus Pacifica School Districts' $8,332 or 95% of the statewide average. Yet, they want more of your hard earn money to pad their salaries 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.

Here are the latest average teacher salaries for the district:

2013-14 – teacher average salary = $59,122 – statewide average = $71,094

Plus teachers get a super generous benefits package. Their “family plan” costs you $28,130 per teacher per year in benefits, while they only work an average of 184 days a year.

Tell the Pacifica School Board to be fiscally responsible by voting NO on Measure.

For more information please visit us at

http://www.svtaxpayers.org/2016-pacifica-school-parcel-tax

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Mark Church, Chief Elections Officer
By Deputy Clerk

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