



County of Santa Clara Registrar of Voters

BALLOT MEASURE PRIMARY ARGUMENT FORM

This **Ballot Measure Primary Argument Form** must be submitted **for all ballot measure PRIMARY ARGUMENTS**, with required signatures and author information. Please submit completed forms to Mahealani Ah Yun, Palo Alto City Clerk by in-person appointment no later than August 11, 2026, 4:00pm.

Any errors submitted on the form or primary argument will be printed in the County Voter Information Guide and/or ballot exactly as submitted. A proof will be sent to the primary filer for confirmation that it matches the argument as submitted—no other corrections will be accepted.

Assembly Bill 1416 was signed by the Governor and is effective as of January 1, 2023. This legislation (Elections Code section 9170) allows primary argument signers to provide a list of individuals, associations, nonprofit organizations, or businesses that are signers or are listed within the text of the argument who support or oppose a ballot measure to be listed under the ballot label. If you wish to submit a list of supporters or opponents, please complete Section 4 on page 5 of this form by providing a list of names of the individuals, associations, nonprofit organizations, and/or businesses to be listed as supporters or opponents. A sample ballot label is provided on page 9, Section 6: Appendix C.

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REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
By _____ Deputy

4:05pm

Time/Date Stamp

Date of Election: November 3, 2026 General Election

Jurisdiction: Los Gato-Saratoga Union High School

Primary Argument due date (E-84): August 11, 2026, 4:00 pm

Examination Period (E-83 to E-74): August 12, 2026 to August 21, 2026

Rebuttal Argument due date (E-77): August 18, 2026, 4:00pm

Examination Period (E-76 to E-67): August 19, 2026 to August 28, 2026

SECTION 1: ARGUMENT INFORMATION

Measure Letter N (if available – letters will be assigned after 5:00 p.m. on E-88)

Select the Type of Argument you are Filing

☐ Primary Argument in Favor / Proponent

☒ Primary Argument Against / Opponent

SECTION 2: AUTHOR INFORMATION

Declaration Related to Proponent/Opponent Primary Arguments
(Elections Code §§ 9161, 9164, 9167, 9170, 9501, 9501.5, 9504, 9600)

Please Select the Applicable Line

☐ I am an Author of the Proponent Primary Argument (noted above) for Measure _____ being submitted. I support this measure.

☒ I am an Author of the Opponent Primary Argument (noted above) for Measure N being submitted. I oppose this measure.

FILER / SIGNER SECTION

The Filer of a Primary Argument is the person or entity that is responsible for filing an argument for or against (or in rebuttal to an argument for or against) a measure. The Signer of the Primary Argument is a person whose name is listed and published in the County Voter Information Guide in the election materials after the argument as one of the signatories. Generally, a Filer or Signer may be a district or member(s) of the governing board of that district, an individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure, a bona fide association of citizens, or a combination of such voters and associations. The Filer signs the argument submission form, attesting under penalty of perjury that they meet the requirements to file an argument. The Filer is typically the main proponent or opponent of the measure but does not have to be. A Filer can also be a Signer of the argument. State law allows for up to five signers for any argument. Therefore, five people may be both Filers and Signers. However, Filers are not required to be Signers.

NOTE: Personal contact information including street address, phone and email will be redacted prior to posting online. Do not include personal contact information when using business information as it is not redacted prior to posting online.

FILL OUT BOTH FILER AND SIGNER SECTIONS IF YOU ARE A FILER AND A SIGNER OF THE PRIMARY ARGUMENT

*** Required information.**

I am the **FILER** of the primary argument: ☒ Yes / ☐ No

I am also a **SIGNER** of the primary argument: ☒ Yes / ☐ No

AS A FILER: My contact information for receiving the opposing author's primary argument is:

* My Name is: Mark W.A. Hinkle

INDICATE IF ADDRESS IS: ☒ Residential or Residential Mailing; ☐ Business or Business Mailing

* Address: Morgan Hill CA 95037

* Email Address: Phone Number (cell/direct):

DO NOT FILL OUT BELOW SIGNER SECTION IF YOU ARE A FILER ONLY OF THE PRIMARY ARGUMENT

AS A SIGNER: I am a: ☐ Registered Voter in the District ☐ Governing Board Member ☒ * Principal Officer of an Organization

* I have attached one of the following items listed on Page 2 to this form.

* My GENDER is:

☒ Masculine ☐ Feminine ☐ Androgynous or Non-binary ☐ Other:

* My SIGNING ORDER on the Argument text to be published is: ☒ 1 / ☐ 2 / ☐ 3 / ☐ 4 / ☐ 5 (please check one)

* My name as a SIGNER (signature to be printed with the primary argument) is: Mark W.A. Hinkle
(do not include degrees or titles; print or type signature in upper- and lower-case font)

* TITLE OF SIGNER (to be printed with the primary argument) is: President: Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association
(limited to one title only; do not include descriptors; print or type title in upper- and lower-case font)

SIGNATURE



Under penalty of perjury, I attest the above information meets the required criteria for an individual or for an organization or bona fide association of citizens for purposes of submitting an argument:

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[Redacted Signature]

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* My name as a **SIGNER** (signature to be printed with the primary argument) is: Craig Steen
(do not include degrees or titles; print or type signature in upper- and lower-case font)

* **TITLE OF SIGNER** (to be printed with the primary argument) is: Resident - Retired School Teacher
(limited to one title only; do not include descriptors; print or type title in upper- and lower-case font)

SIGNATURE



Under penalty of perjury, I attest the above information meets the required criteria for an individual or for an organization or bona fide association of citizens for purposes of submitting an argument:

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SECTION 5: BALLOT LABEL SUPPORTER/OPPONENT CONSENT FORM

This page may be copied as many times as needed so that a consent form is submitted for every supporter or opponent. Every supporter or opponent must sign their own consent form, and that form must be included in your submission.

SUPPORTER/OPPONENT CONSENT FORM

Note: if an individual uses the name of an association, nonprofit organization, or business in their title to be included in the list of supporters or opponents, a representative of that association, nonprofit organization, or business must complete this consent form. The individual supporter/opponent and the representative may be the same person if appropriate. If no representative of the organization or business completes this form, individuals may only use an honorific (e.g. "Dr.," "M.D.," "Ph.D.," or "Esquire") and no title that includes an organization or business name.

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* Required information.

Full name of individual OR representative of association, nonprofit organization, or business (print or type):

* My Name is: Mark W.A. Hinkle

INDICATE IF ADDRESS IS: ☒ Residential or Residential Mailing; ☐ Business or Business Mailing

* Address: [REDACTED] Morgan Hill CA 95037

Email Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

* This individual OR association, nonprofit organization, or business:

- 1) ☐ Supports or ☒ Opposes the measure.

[If an association, nonprofit organization, or business is listed as a supporter/opponent on Page 5 or used in an individual's title on Page 5, please fill out the below as well as the above]

* This association, nonprofit organization, or business:

- 1) ☒ Has been in existence for at least four years.
2) ☒ Was not originally created as a committee described in Government Code § 82013.

* My GENDER is:

☒ Masculine / ☐ Feminine / ☐ Androgynous or Non-binary / ☐ Other: _____

* My SIGNING ORDER on the Ballot text to be published is: ☒ 1 / ☐ 2 / ☐ 3 / ☐ 4 / ☐ 5 (please check one)

SIGNATURE *



Under penalty of perjury, I attest the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge:

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Date

8/10/26

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Argument Against
Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District \$321,000,000 Bond,
Measure __

When school boards ask voters permission to go into debt with bond like Measure __, they admit that every project they are currently spending your tax dollars on, **now**, is more important than the projects listed in this ballot measure.

Budgets reflect priorities. Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District is saying every educational dollar spent today is going to something they consider a higher priority than "fixing leaky roofs" and "keeping schools clean and well-maintained" and "technology".

Do you agree?

The \$99,000,000 bond voters approved in 2014 listed "replacing leaky and aging roofs" that apparently need replacing again!

Did you ever take out a 25-30 loan to buy a personal computer? No? But that is what the District did in 2014 with BOND money to "update technology". Nuts, right?

Education Data Partnership (ED-DATA.ORG) shows declining enrollment of 3,018 students in the district, which means the bond could **exceed \$106,361 per student** -- NOT counting interest expense.

When you buy a home, truth in lending laws require that you be told the real total cost of buying that home. For example:

Borrow **\$321,000,000**; pay 3% interest for 30 years: payments are **\$9,630,000 per year equals \$288,900,000** interest plus principal \$321,000,000 for a lifetime total cost of **\$561,750,000**. Over a half BILLION dollars...of YOUR money!

Consumer protection laws should apply to bond issues. As taxpayers, we deserve to know the full truth about Measure __. We don't even know when this debt will begin, let alone what the market interest rate will be, when it does.

Just say no to bond debt.

Question: will this bond measure fix declining English proficiency? NO!

Question: will this bond measure fix declining math proficiency? NO!

Question: will this bond measure fix declining enrollment? NO!

Stop rewarding bad behavior. Vote NO tax increase!

For more information, www.SVTaxpayers.org

By _____
Deputy
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
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