



County of Santa Clara Registrar of Voters

BALLOT MEASURE REBUTTAL ARGUMENT FORM

This **Ballot Measure Rebuttal Argument Form** must be submitted **for all ballot measure REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS**, with required signatures and author information. The County of Santa Clara Office of the Registrar of Voters allows electronic submission of documents if the scanned copy is clear and readable. You may email your completed form and attach the Rebuttal argument in Microsoft Word version to candidateservices@rov.sccgov.org. Any errors submitted on the form or Rebuttal argument will be printed in the County Voter Information Guide and/or ballot exactly as submitted. A proof will be sent to the rebuttal filer for confirmation that it matches the argument as submitted—no other corrections will be accepted.

The author of a rebuttal argument may sign the rebuttal argument or may authorize in writing any other person to author/sign the rebuttal argument. A signed Consent Form is required to authorize a person to author/sign the rebuttal argument who was not an author of the primary argument – Please refer to Section 4, page 5.

Because anyone listed as an author should have the opportunity to review the rebuttal argument, the full text of the rebuttal argument should be attached to all Consent Forms.

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REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

By _____ Deputy

9:09AM

Time/Date Stamp

Date of Election: November 3, 2026 General Election

Jurisdiction: Santa Clara County

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

Examination Period (E-76 to E-67): _____

Measure Letter -N-

Type Argument

☒ Rebuttal to the Argument in Favor / Opponent

☐ Rebuttal to the Argument Against / Proponent

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

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

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

SUBMITTER SECTION

The Submitter of a Rebuttal Argument is the person who delivers the argument and any supporting materials to the County of Santa Clara Registrar of Voters (ROV). If there is a question or issue with a submission, the ROV will contact the Submitter. The Submitter may also be a Filer or Signer but does not have to be. The ROV asks for Submitter contact information so that the ROV has a contact person for questions about the submission. **The submitter's name is not included in any of the election materials.**

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.

*** Required information.**

I am the **SUBMITTER** of the rebuttal argument.

My contact information for receiving the opposing author's rebuttal argument is:

*** My Name is:** Mark W.A. Hinkle

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

*** Address:** Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association, 760 Newhall Dr., no. 1150, San Jose, CA 95110

*** Email Address:** info@SVTaxpayers.org Phone Number (cell/direct): (408) 279-5000

**PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR REBUTTAL ARGUMENT TO THIS FORM
AND FILL OUT THE APPROPRIATE SIGNER FORMS FOR EACH FILER OR SIGNER ON PAGES 3 AND 4**

The text of your rebuttal argument will be printed exactly as submitted. Type your rebuttal argument with the desired formatting. Ensure that your rebuttal argument meets the legal word limit of 250 words. You may request that specific text is printed in bold, italic, or bold italic font type.

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**PLEASE REFER TO PAGE 7 - SECTION 6: APPENDIX A - FOR MEASURES FORMATTING GUIDELINES
(FORMATTED INTO A STANDARD 2-COLUMN PER PAGE TEMPLATE)**

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- its articles of incorporation, articles of association, partnership documents, bylaws, or similar documents;
- letterhead containing the name of the organization and its principal officers; **OR**
- if the organization or association is a primarily formed committee established to support or oppose the measure, its statement of organization (FPPC Form 410) filed pursuant to Government Code § 84101.

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I am the **SUBMITTER** of the rebuttal argument.

My contact information for receiving the opposing author's rebuttal argument is:

*** My Name is:** Craig Steen

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

*** Address:** [REDACTED]

*** Email Address:** [REDACTED] **Phone Number (cell/direct):** [REDACTED]

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FILER / SIGNER SECTION

The Filer of a Rebuttal Argument is the person or entity that is responsible for filing an argument for or against a measure. The Signer of the Rebuttal 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.

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

* Required information.

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

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

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

* My Name is: Jack Faraone

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

* Address: [REDACTED] - Confirmed voter reg.

* Email Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number (cell/direct) [REDACTED]

DO NOT FILL OUT BELOW SIGNER SECTION IF YOU ARE A FILER ONLY OF THE REBUTTAL 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: Sex: Male

* 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 rebuttal argument) is: Jack Faraone

(do not include degrees or titles; print or type signature in upper- and lower-case font)

* **TITLE OF SIGNER** (to be printed with the rebuttal argument) is: Los Gatos Resident

(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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*** Required information.**

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

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REBUTTAL ARGUMENT SIGNER FORM FOR SIGNER ONLY

The undersigned author of the attached rebuttal argument hereby states that such rebuttal argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief. **You may use as many copies of the SIGNER ONLY FORM as needed to cover every SIGNER.**

PLEASE NOTE: If the rebuttal argument signer form is handwritten or a revision is unclear, the County of Santa Clara Office of the Registrar of Voters staff will interpret the handwritten information to the best of their abilities. That interpretation is final.

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Author of the primary argument in ☐ Support / ☒ Opposition to Measure -N- (assigned letter).

I, Mark W.A. Hinkle (author of the primary argument) authorize the "new author" to author/sign the rebuttal argument.

Pursuant to Elections Code section 9504 any of the rebuttal argument authors can authorize a new signer (or signers) for the rebuttal argument.

Name of new author (individual, governing board member, Principal Officer): [individual] sJack Faraone

Name of Organization or Bona Fide Association of Citizens: N/A (if applicable)

SIGNATURE OF PRIMARY ARGUMENT AUTHOR 

Date: 8/16/26

Under penalty of perjury, I attest and verify that I have read the complete text of the ballot measure rebuttal argument above and authorize that my name or the name of my organization or bona fide association of citizens, which I am an authorized representative of, may be printed, exactly as it appears in the text of the rebuttal argument in the County Voter Information Guide.

SIGNATURE OF NEW AUTHOR 

Date: _____

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MEASURES FORMATTING GUIDELINES - (FORMATTED INTO A STANDARD 2-COLUMN PER PAGE TEMPLATE)

NAMES AND TITLES

- Names ("signatures") will be printed in the County Voter Information Guide (CVIG) exactly as submitted in the designated "Print Signature Name as it is to appear in the pamphlet" location on the appropriate form. Educational degrees may not be submitted on the same line as the signature name.
- Signatures and titles should be submitted with grammatically correct upper- and lower-case letters—for example, for most names this means an upper-case letter at the beginning of each word of the name. If submitted otherwise (for example, in all upper-case or all lower-case letters), the signatures and titles will be re-formatted with grammatically correct upper- and lower-case letters.
- If not already included, appropriate punctuation will be added after initials, generational suffixes, and abbreviations.
- Titles will be printed as submitted, including typographical and spelling errors.
- Titles are limited to one title. Educational degrees or titles may not be submitted on the same line as the signature name. If the title is submitted with the name, it will be formatted correctly below the signature. If a title is already placed below the signature in the title field, the additional degree or title next to the name will not be printed at all.
- Dates, signatures, and titles submitted as centered or right justified will be reformatted as left justified.
- If all of the signatures for an argument do not fit into the same column, all the signatures along with the paragraph immediately preceding the signatures will be wrapped to the next column.

TEXT

- Measure and argument text will be printed in a single-spaced, fully justified format, in a 10-point font size with all typographical and spelling errors as submitted.
- Typefaces vary depending upon language. For English, Spanish, and Tagalog, Arial Narrow is used. For Chinese, MingLiu is used. For Vietnamese, Arial Unicode MS is used. NOTE: The Vietnamese typeface is visually larger than other typefaces, so 10.5-point and 9.5-point sizes are used instead of 11-point and 10-point to make the text visually comparable to all other languages.
- Language-appropriate spacing will be implemented for punctuation. One space follows all punctuations for English, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese. For Chinese, no spaces are placed after punctuation.
- No spaces will be placed before or after hyphens or em-dashes.
- Multiple spaces between words will be reduced to one space.
- Appropriate hyphenation may be added in order to split words between lines as needed for spacing.
- Indentation is not used for paragraphs, bullets, numbered lists, or outlines.
- Headings are printed in ALL CAPS, **bold**, centered, in 11-point font size with upper and lower borders. Headings are standardized per the Elections Code: **MEASURE '___'; COUNTY COUNSEL'S/CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE '___'; TAX RATE STATEMENT; ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE '___'; REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE '___'; ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE '___'; REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE '___'.**
- Should only one argument, or no arguments, be filed, a notice that **NO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF/AGAINST MEASURE '___' WAS SUBMITTED** (whichever is appropriate) will be printed.
- Documents that do not fit into one column are wrapped to the next column with a "Continued" heading.
- Existing paragraphs, bullets, or numbered lists are indented in 0.25" increments.
All bullets are displayed as solid black circles (•). Other bullets or symbols used as bullets—smiley faces, diamonds, stars, asterisks, dashes, etc.—will be replaced with a solid black circle.

**Rebuttal to the Argument in Favor of Measure N
Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District \$321,000,000 Bond**

[argument starts here]

Stop this huge new TAX and bond-DEBT hike!

Budgets reflect priorities:

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

Do you agree?

The \$99,000,000 bond voters approved in 2014 listed “replacing leaky ... aging roofs” — which apparently need replacing *again!*

Have you ever taken out a 30-year loan to buy a personal computer?

Well, that’s what Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District did in 2014 with our BOND-DEBT money, to “update technology.” Nuts, right?

Home mortgage truth-in-lending laws require that we to be told the real, total cost of that home loan.

For example:

Borrow **\$321,000,000** at 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 \$609,900,000.**

Over a **half BILLION dollars...**of our and OUR CHILDREN’S EARNINGS!

Consumer protection laws should apply to bond-debt issues, too. As taxpayers, **we deserve to know the full truth about Measure N.** We don’t even know when this debt will begin, let alone what market interest rates will be when it does — nor when it will end.

Say NO to bond-debt tax hikes!

Questions:

- Will this **bond-debt tax** reverse declining English proficiency?
- Will it reverse declining math proficiency?
- Will it fix declining enrollment?

Let’s stop rewarding bad behavior.

Vote NO on this huge bond-debt tax increase!

For more information: SVTaxpayers.org

* Ed-Data.org

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REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
By _____ Deputy

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