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Information for Ballot Arguments for Measures Appearing in the August 31, 2021 Special Election

The California Elections Code governs the preparation and submittal of ballot arguments and rebuttal arguments in favor of or against ballot measures. The Placer County Elections Office has prepared this guide to help answer questions regarding the ballot argument preparation and submittal process. If you have questions not answered by the information below, please contact the Placer County Elections Office.

Any references to "E.C." refer to the California Elections Code.

BALLOT ARGUMENTS:

The board of supervisors or any member or members of the board, or an individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure, or bona fide association of citizens, or a combination of these voters and associations may file a written argument for or against any county measure. An argument shall not exceed 300 words in length. (E.C. 9162) The governing board of any district to which Section 9340 applies may refer legislative questions to the voters of the district in the same manner as the board of supervisors may refer county questions pursuant to Section 9140. (E.C. 9342)

Title: The arguments shall be titled either "Argument in Favor of Measure _____" or Argument against Measure _____." (E.C. 9162)

Number of Words: Arguments cannot exceed 300 words in length. Attached is Elections Code Section 9 to help you determine the number of words in the text of any argument. (E.C. 9162)

Signatures: A ballot argument *shall not be accepted* unless accompanied by the name or names of the person or persons submitting it, or, if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization and the name of at least one of its principal officers.

No more than five signatures shall appear with any argument submitted. In case more than five persons sign any argument, the signatures of the first five shall be printed. (E.C. 9164)

Argument Not Accepted Without Consent From Person Included In Text: An argument that includes in its text the name or title of a person, other than the author of the argument, who is represented as being for or against a measure, shall not be accepted unless the argument is accompanied by the signed consent of that person. The consent of a person, other than an individual, shall be signed by an officer or other duly authorized representative. "Person" as used in this section means an individual, partnership, corporation, association, committee, labor organization, and any other organization or group of persons.

More Than One Argument: If more than one argument for or more than one argument against any county measure is submitted to the county elections official within the time prescribed, the county elections official shall select one of the arguments in favor and one of the arguments against the measure for printing and distribution to the voters. In selecting the argument, the county elections official shall give preference and priority in the order named to the arguments of the following: (E.C. 9166)

- (1) The board of supervisors or a member or members of the board.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Bona fide associations of citizens.
- (4) Individual voters who are eligible to vote on the measure.

Author Information: In order to transmit opposing arguments and to make a determination of which argument to print if more than one argument is submitted, the Elections Office needs to have certain information for the author. If someone other than the author delivers the argument, the author should supply the following information so it can be given to the Elections Office:

- Residence address
- Mailing address
- Daytime telephone number
- Fax number
- E-mail address

If the Elections Office does not receive this information, it may delay delivery of the opposing argument.

DEADLINE FOR FILING ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR AND AGAINST MEASURE

June 4, 2021 (By 5:00PM)

REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS:

When an argument in favor and an argument against a measure have been selected for publication in the voter information pamphlet the official responsible for conducting the election shall send copies of the argument in favor of the measure to the authors of the argument against the measure and copies of the arguments against the measure to the authors of the argument in favor. The authors may prepare and submit rebuttal arguments not exceeding 250 words, or may authorize in writing any other person or persons to prepare, submit, or sign the rebuttal argument. (E.C. 9167)

Title: Rebuttal arguments shall be titled either “Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure_____” or “Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure_____”. (E.C. 9167)

Number of Words: Rebuttal arguments are limited to 250 words. (E.C. 9167)

Signatures: See “Signatures” paragraph above.

Argument Not Accepted Without Consent From Person Included In Text:

See “Argument Not Accepted without Consent from Person Included in Text” paragraph above.

More Than One Rebuttal Argument: See “More Than One Argument” paragraph above.

DEADLINE FOR FILING REBUTTALS TO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF OR AGAINST MEASURE

June 14, 2021 (By 5:00PM)

WORD COUNT GUIDELINES

(E.C. 9) Counting of words, for purposes of this code, shall be as follows:

(1) Punctuation is not counted.

(2) Each word shall be counted as one word except as specified in this section.

(3) All proper nouns, including geographical names, shall be considered as one word; for example, "City and County of San Francisco" shall be counted as one word.

(4) Each abbreviation for a word, phrase, or expression shall be counted as one word.

(5) Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary, published in the United States at any time within the 10 calendar years immediately preceding the election for which the words are counted, shall be considered as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word.

(6) Dates shall be counted as one word.

(7) Any number consisting of a digit or digits shall be considered as one word. Any number which is spelled, such as "one," shall be considered as a separate word or words. "One" shall be counted as one word whereas "one hundred" shall be counted as two words. "100" shall be counted as one word.

(8) Telephone numbers shall be counted as one word.

(9) Internet Web site addresses shall be counted as one word.

(b) This section shall not apply to counting words for ballot designations under Section 13107.

BALLOT ARGUMENT STATEMENT FORM
Election Code Section 9600

All arguments concerning measures filed pursuant to California Elections Code Division 9, commencing with Section 9000, shall be accompanied by the following form statement, to be signed by each proponent and by each author, if different, of the argument:

The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the _____
(primary/rebuttal to)

argument _____ ballot proposition _____
(in favor of/against) (name or number)

at the _____
(title of election)

for the _____
(jurisdiction)

to be held on _____ hereby state that such argument is
(date of election)

true and correct to the best of _____ knowledge and belief.
(his/her/their)

PROPONENT INFORMATION (The signatures will be printed in this order on the voter information guide)

1. Signed _____ Date _____

Printed name _____ Title _____

2. Signed _____ Date _____

Printed name _____ Title _____

3. Signed _____ Date _____

Printed name _____ Title _____

4. Signed _____ Date _____

Printed name _____ Title _____

5. Signed _____ Date _____

Printed name _____ Title _____

AUTHOR INFORMATION

Signed _____ Date _____

Printed name _____ Title _____

Mailing Address _____

AUTHORIZATION FORM

(For Rebuttal Arguments Only)

I, _____, as the author on the primary argument in favor _____ or argument against _____ do hereby authorize the following person to sign in my place on the rebuttal to the argument in favor _____ or rebuttal to the argument against _____.

The following must be completed with the information on the new author:

Print Name: _____

Residence Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City / Zip Code: _____

The following must be completed with the information on the original author:

Print Name: _____

Residence Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City / Zip Code: _____

(Signature of Original Author)

Statement of Responsibility for Political Signs

The placement of political signs in county territory is subject to regulations established by the Placer County Code Chapter 17 Zoning, Section 17.54.190 (B). It requires that: No signs shall be posted earlier than 60 days prior to the election to which they pertain and shall be removed no later than 21 days after the election. No signs shall be posted in any county roadway rights-of-way. To guarantee removal, a refundable deposit of \$200.00 will be paid to the Elections Office before any signs are posted.

Candidate's/Proponent's Name: _____

Office Sought or Measure Letter: _____

Election Date: _____

Date Received: _____ Receipt No: _____

The undersigned accepts responsibility for removal of any signs posted in reference to the above candidate (or proposition) as stated above and in accordance with Placer County Code Chapter 17 Zoning, Section 17.54.190 (B). If all signs are not removed by 21 days after the election to which they pertain, violations are punishable under the provisions in Article 17.62 (enforcement). The punishment is a fine not to exceed \$500.00 per violation, with each day constituting a separate violation, or not more than six months in jail and forfeit of the sign deposit.

The Elections Office will begin processing all refunds the 22nd day after the election if there are no outstanding complaints.

Name: _____ Daytime Telephone: (____) _____

Signature: _____

Dated: _____

Make Refund Payable to: _____

Mail Refund to: _____

For Office Use Only

CS Deposit Date: _____ CS Number: _____

Coding: CC07001, PG070002, RC8385, GL20370, PJ _____

Refund Amount: _____ Transaction Ref# _____

Coding: CC07001, PG070002, SC8370, GL20370, PJ _____