



**COUNTY OF KINGS
GUIDE TO MEASURES
COUNTY, CITIES, SCHOOLS, AND
DISTRICTS**

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PREFACE

This guide has been created to assist County, Cities, Schools, and District Offices who are contemplating placing a measure on the ballot. It is for general information only and does not have the force and effect of law, regulation, or rule. In case of conflict, the law, regulation, or rule will apply. Persons using this guide must bear full responsibility to make their own determinations as to all legal standards and duties.

It is recommended that you review these pages carefully. Placing a measure on the ballot is an elaborate process with laws, and regulations that must be adhered to.

If you have any questions, please contact our Elections Department at (559) 852-4401 or email elections@countyofkings.com.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

(All Sections cited are from the California Elections Code (EC))

A measure is an ordinance, question, or issue submitted to a vote of the people at any election. Local questions, issues, or amendments are referred to as “Measures”, while those that are voted upon statewide are called “Propositions”.

The information provided in this guide is applicable to the filing of arguments and rebuttals concerning County, School, and District measures within the County of Kings. Arguments and/or rebuttals involving County, City, School, and District measures are filed with Kings County Elections Department.

For information on State Propositions, contact the Secretary of State’s office, Elections Division, at (916) 657-2166 / www.sos.ca.gov / VIGarguments@sos.ca.gov

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

Argument

A 300-word statement IN FAVOR OF or AGAINST a measure.

Author of an Argument

A proponent of a measure, an 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 who write the text of the argument IN FAVOR OF or AGAINST a measure.

Authorization for Signers

A form which needs to be completed by the authors and filed with the Registrar of Voters if they wish to allow others to sign the argument IN FAVOR OF or AGAINST a measure on their behalf. For rebuttal arguments, the Signers of the argument IN FAVOR OF or AGAINST a measure may authorize others to sign. A Letter of Authorization may also be used for this purpose.

Bona Fide Association of Citizens

A recognized group of citizens bound together by a common interest or cause.

Committee

Any person or combination of persons who, directly or indirectly, receive contributions or make expenditures or contributions to support or oppose a measure.

County Voter Information Guide

A guide mailed to each registered voter prior to an election. It contains information on candidates, measures, instructions for voting, and other valuable election information.

Elections Official

A member of the Kings County Elections Department.

Electoral Jurisdiction

The district or area in which the measure will be voted upon.

Filer of an Argument IN FAVOR OF or AGAINST a Measure

The author of the argument or any person the author authorizes to file the argument.

Public Review Period

Following the deadline for filing arguments IN FAVOR OF or AGAINST a measure, rebuttal arguments, Impartial Analysis, Fiscal Impact Statement and Tax Rate Statement, the public has 10-calendar days to review these documents at the Registrar of Voters' office.

Rebuttal Argument

A 250-word statement, which refutes an argument IN FAVOR OF or AGAINST a measure.

Signature Statement

A form that must be submitted with each original argument IN FAVOR OF or AGAINST and rebuttal argument to the Elections Official. It includes information on each signer of the argument.

Signer of Argument IN FAVOR OF or AGAINST a Measure

The author of the argument IN FAVOR OF or AGAINST a measure or any person whom the author authorizes in writing to sign the argument.

Signer of Rebuttal Argument

The signer of the argument IN FAVOR OF or AGAINST a measure unless the signer of the argument IN FAVOR OF or AGAINST a measure authorizes in writing another person to sign the rebuttal argument.

Writ of Mandate

A written order issued by a Superior Court commanding a public official to perform or cease to perform a specific duty of action.

MEASURE DUE DATES

The recommended due date for submitting a measure to our office is 113 days prior to the election. California Elections Code states the deadline for submitting a measure is 88 days prior to an election (EC §10403), but to accommodate scheduling for the placement on the Board of Supervisors' agenda and Federal and state requirements to print voting materials in all required languages, the recommended due date is provided.

In addition, California Elections Code provides that the County Elections Official shall establish due dates for the filing of arguments and rebuttals based on the time reasonably necessary to allow for the 10-calendar day public examination period, and to prepare, print, and mail County Voter Information Guides (EC §§ 9163, 9316, 9502). All original arguments and rebuttals, including original signatures of the proponents, for County, City, School, and District measures, must be filed in the Elections Official's office by 5:00 p.m. on the due date.

Contact Kings County Elections Department at (559) 852-4401 or visit elections@countyofkings.com for more information.

SUBMITTING A MEASURE

What the Elections Official needs from the Governing Body:

Resolution

Submit a "Resolution Requesting Consolidation of Election and Ordering of Such Election" along with the "Notice to County Elections Official of Measure Submitted to the Voters."

Measure Text

To ensure that the Registrar of Voters uses the precise Ballot Label, the Ballot Measure Text, with the Title, must be included in the body of the "Resolution Calling the Election." Ballot Label should not exceed 75 words and be clearly identified (EC 9051 (b)). When submitting materials to place a measure on the ballot, indicate clearly in writing, which portion of the resolution or ordinance is to be printed in the Voter's Information Guide. When submitting materials please email word documents to elections@countyofkings.com.

If you do not want any Measure Text to be printed in the County Voter Information Guide, please provide this direction in writing within the resolution. In this case, instead of Measure Text, voters will be directed to contact the District for a copy of the proposed measure.

Example: The above statement is an Impartial Analysis of Measure _____.

 If you desire a copy of the Measure, please call the district office

If the proposed measure imposes a tax or raises the rate of a tax, the ballot shall include in the statement of the measure to be voted on, the amount of money to be raised annually and the rate and duration of the tax to be levied. (EC § 13119(b))

The statement of the measure shall be a true and impartial synopsis of the purpose of the proposed measure and shall be in a language that is neither argumentative nor likely to create prejudice IN FAVOR OF or AGAINST the measure. (EC § 13119(c))

Measure Label

The Ballot Label is limited to 75 words. The verbiage, “Shall the measure (stating the nature thereof) be adopted?” must be included in your Ballot Label. To the right or below the statement of the measure to be voted on, the words “Yes” and “No” shall be printed on separate lines, with voting targets. (EC § 13119(a))

The words to appear on the ballot for School Bond measures shall be “Bonds—Yes” and “Bonds—No,” or words of similar import. A brief statement of the proposition, setting forth the amount of the bonds to be voted upon, the maximum rate of interest, and the purpose for which the proceeds of the sale of the bonds are to be used, shall be printed upon the ballot. No defect in the statement other than in the statement of the amount of the bond to be authorized shall invalidate the bond election. (California Education Code (EDC) § 15122)

The words to appear upon the ballots used for voting upon the adoption or rejection of the proposals for the reorganization of school districts shall be “Reorganization of school districts—Yes,” and “Reorganization of school districts—No,” or words of similar import. (EDC § 35762)

MEASURE LETTER DESIGNATION

In an election at which state, county, city, or other local measures are submitted to a vote of the voters, all state measures shall be numbered in numerical order, as provided in this chapter or division. All county, city, or other local measures shall be designated by a letter, instead of a figure, printed on the left margin of the square containing the description of the measure, commencing with the letter “A” and continuing in alphabetical order, one letter for each of these measures appearing on the ballot. A district may submit a Measure Letter Preference Form within 88 days of the election.

An Elections Official may commence designating local measures with any letter of the alphabet following the letter “A,” and continuing in alphabetical order, in order to avoid voter confusion that might result from different local measures carrying the same letter designation in successive elections.

Where two or more counties or cities submitting measures to the voters are in close proximity, the Elections Officials of those counties or cities may mutually agree to use letter designation for ballot measures that will not conflict or confuse the voter. (EC § 13116)

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS, TAX RATE STATEMENT, AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Impartial Analysis

The Impartial Analysis is limited to 500 words. The measure will be submitted by County Counsel or the City Attorney, whichever is applicable to prepare an impartial analysis showing the effect of the measure on the existing law and the operation of the measure. The analysis shall include a statement indicating whether the measure was placed on the ballot by a petition signed by the requisite number of voters, or by the governing body. (EC §§ 9160, 9280, 9313, 9500)

Water District Impartial Analysis

Whenever a district measure is submitted to the voters of a water district, the district shall transmit a copy of the measure to the legal counsel for the water district, or to the County Counsel if there is no legal counsel for the water district, of the county that contains the largest number of registered voters of the water district. If there is no legal counsel for the water district, or if the legal counsel for the water district and the county counsel so agrees, the County Counsel shall prepare the impartial analysis. (EC § 9314)

Tax Rate Statement

All Bond measures proposed by a County, City, District, or other political subdivision or by any agency, department, or board thereof that secure funding by property liens within the jurisdiction shall file a Tax Rate Statement. The tax rate statement shall include best estimates from official sources for the average annual tax rate, and the total debt service including the principal and interest that would be required to be repaid if all bonds are issued and sold. The estimate shall also identify the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected. It may also contain a declaration of policy proposing to use revenues other than ad valorem taxes to fund the bond issue and the best estimate of these revenues and the reduction in the tax rate level to fund the bond issue. (EC §§ 9400, 9401)

Fiscal Impact Statement

The Fiscal Impact Statement is limited to 500 words summarizing the affect on revenues or expenditures of the county. The statement shall estimate the amount of any increase or decrease in revenues or costs to the county if the proposed measure is adopted. The County Auditor-Controller may be requested by the Board of Supervisors to prepare a Fiscal Impact Statement of a County measure. (EC § 9160)

Submitting Analysis and Statements

Impartial Analysis, Fiscal Impact Statements, and Tax Rate Statements must be typed to ensure quality and accuracy. Submit information typed, upper and lower case with single spacing. Submit an additional electronic word version to elections@countyofkings.com.

NOTE: Impartial Analysis, Fiscal Impact Statements, and Tax Rate Statements must be written to address a single Measure on the ballot. A document combining more than one Measure will not be accepted.

ORDER OF APPEARANCE

Measures will appear on the ballot in the following order:

1. County Board of Education
2. Community College Districts
3. Unified School Districts
4. High School Districts
5. Elementary School Districts
6. County
7. Cities
8. Districts

In order to allow for the most efficient use of space, the County Elections Official may vary the order of the measures. (EC § 13109)

The information provided for a measure will appear in the County Voter Information Guide in the following order:

1. Measure Label
2. Impartial Analysis
3. Full Text (optional)
4. Fiscal Impact Statement or Tax Rate Statement (if applicable)
5. Argument IN FAVOR OF a Measure
6. Rebuttal to Argument IN FAVOR OF a Measure
7. Argument AGAINST a Measure
8. Rebuttal to Argument AGAINST a Measure

ARGUMENTS

Arguments IN FAVOR OF or AGAINST a Measure

An argument shall not exceed 300 words in length (EC §§ 9162, 9282, 9315). Documents will be printed as submitted. Spelling, punctuation, and grammatical errors will not be corrected by the Elections Official. No profanity or other objectionable language may be used.

County Measure:

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 any combination of such voters and associations may file a written argument IN FAVOR OF or AGAINST any County measure. (EC § 9162)

The Filer of an argument must be from the governing body, from a bona fide association of citizens or be a registered voter in the district.

City Measure:

For measures placed on the ballot by petition, the persons filing may file a written argument IN

FAVOR OF the ordinance and the legislative body may submit an argument AGAINST the ordinance. For measures placed on the ballot by a legislative body, the legislative body, or an authorized member of the legislative body, or an individual voter who is eligible to vote may file a written argument IN FAVOR OF or AGAINST any city measure. (EC § 9282)

District Measure:

The proponents of an initiative petition may write an argument IN FAVOR OF the ordinance. The district board may submit an argument AGAINST the ordinance. (EC § 9315)

More than one Argument

Only one argument IN FAVOR OF and one argument AGAINST any measure will be printed in the County Voter Information Guide. If more than one argument IN FAVOR OF or more than one argument AGAINST any measure is submitted, a single argument will be selected by the Elections Official.

In selecting a single argument, the Elections Official gives preference and priority to arguments in the following order:

1. The Board of Supervisors or a member or members of the district 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.

(EC §§ 9166, 9287, 9503)

Change to and/or Withdrawal of Arguments

Arguments may be changed or withdrawn by their proponents at any time prior to and including the date designated by the Elections Official. (EC §§ 9286, 9316, 9502, 9601)

If any argument is changed, the newly signed original argument must be completed and filed with the Elections Official no later than a date designated by the Elections Official.

The original signed withdrawal request must be filed with the Elections Official no later than the argument filing date designated by the Elections Official.

An organization or association submitting an argument IN FAVOR OF or AGAINST a measure must also submit additional information to the Elections Official to enable that official to determine if it qualifies as a bona fide association of citizens. (EC § 9503)

ARGUMENT FILER CHECKLIST

Have you completed or complied with the following?

- Authors meet criteria to sign
- Author's title as signed meets criteria
- Check which criteria author is signing pursuant to
- Residential address completed if author meets eligible voter criteria to sign
- Required form statement signed by author
- One to five author signatures
- Author signatures numbered in order of appearance
- Only author's name on name line
- Only author's TYPED title on title line
- Author's TYPED name
- All signatures are original signatures
- Not more than 300 words
- Contact information supplied
- File argument by deadline

REBUTTALS

Rebuttals to Arguments IN FAVOR OF or AGAINST a Measure

The rebuttal is limited to 250 words. (EC § 9167, 9285, 9317, 9504) Documents will be printed as submitted. Spelling, punctuation, and grammatical errors will not be corrected by the Elections Official. No profanity or other objectionable language may be used.

If both an argument IN FAVOR OF and AGAINST are filed, the Elections Department will provide the author a copy of the opposing argument. The author(s) may prepare and file a rebuttal argument or may authorize in writing any other person or persons to prepare, file or sign the rebuttal argument. Written authorization must specifically designate the name of the substitute signer and must be signed by the original signer. The rebuttal argument shall be filed with the Elections Official conducting the election no later than the date designated by the Elections Official.

Both an argument IN FAVOR OF and an argument AGAINST must be filed for the measure before rebuttal arguments can be filed. There shall be no rebuttal arguments if one of the primary arguments was not filed.

REBUTTAL ARGUMENT FILER **CHECKLIST**

Have you completed or complied with the following?

- If different authors, submit written authorization for the new signer
- Required form statement signed by author
- One to five author signatures
- Author signatures numbered in order of appearance
- Only author's name on name line
- Only author's title TYPED on title line
- Author's TYPED name
- All signatures are original signatures
- Not more than 250 words
- Contact information supplied
- File rebuttal argument by deadline

SUBMITTING ARGUMENTS AND REBUTTALS

Arguments and rebuttals should be written and submitted in block format. Refer to the section “Formatting Requirements” beginning on page 14 of this guide prior to filing your argument and rebuttal. When submitting arguments and rebuttals, please email a word version to Elections@CountyofKings.com in addition to your hardcopy. The following statement, as applicable, must be printed as the heading of the argument or rebuttal:

“Argument IN FAVOR OF Measure_____”
“Argument AGAINST Measure_____”
“Rebuttal to Argument IN FAVOR OF Measure_____”
“Rebuttal to Argument AGAINST Measure_____”

An argument and/or rebuttal shall not be accepted under this article unless accompanied by the printed name and signature or printed names and signatures of the person or persons submitting it, or, if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers.

In case any argument is signed by more than five persons, the signatures of the first five shall be printed. (EC §§ 9164 and 9283)

Required Statement to Accompany any Argument and/or Rebuttal

Election law requires that **all** arguments and rebuttals be accompanied by the following form statement, to be signed by each proponent and by each author, if different, of the argument: (EC § 9600)

The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the _____(primary/rebuttal) _____ argument _____(in favor/against)_____ ballot proposition _____(name or number)_____ at the _____(title of election)_____ election for the _____(jurisdiction)_____ to be held on ____ (date)____ hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of _____(his/her/their)_____ knowledge and belief.

Signed _____ Date_____

Signed _____ Date_____

Signed _____ Date_____

The aforementioned required statement is not printed in the County Voter Information Guide but is retained on file with other measure documentation.

The signatures of the authors of any argument or rebuttal must be identical to the printed name.

All original arguments and/or rebuttals with original signatures must be filed with the Elections Official by 5:00 p.m. on the applicable due date. For every argument and/or rebuttal that is filed, submit the Ballot Argument Signature Statement form.

NOTE: The fillable forms for the Ballot Argument Signature Statement can be found on our website at www.votekingscounty.com

CHALLENGING ARGUMENT AND REBUTTAL CONTENTS

During the 10-calendar-day public examination period provided by this section, any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, or the County Elections Official, himself or herself, may seek a Writ of Mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted. The Writ of Mandate or injunction request shall be filed no later than the end of the 10-calendar-day public examination period.

A peremptory Writ of Mandate or an injunction shall be issued only upon clear and convincing proof that the material in question is false, misleading, or inconsistent with this chapter, and that issuance of the writ or injunction will not substantially interfere with the printing or distribution of official election materials as provided by law.

The County Elections Official shall be named as respondent and the person or official who authored the material in question shall be named as real parties in interest. In the case of the County Elections Official bringing the mandamus or injunctive action, the Board of Supervisors of the County shall be named as the respondent and the person or official who authored the material in question shall be named as the real party in interest. (EC § 9190)

Should this be your course of action, contact the Elections Office immediately at (559) 852-4401. Timelines for County Voter Information Guide printing are critical at this point. Whatever you choose to do, it must be done as soon as possible.

FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS

ALL documents to be included in the County Voter Information Guide will be left justified, block format. No indenting is permitted.

Arguments and Rebuttals

Limited use of **bolding**, CAPITALIZING, underlining, *italics*, centering text, and bullets (small solid circle only) is permitted.

Arguments and/or rebuttals that are not in compliance will be rejected by the Elections Official. The Elections Official bears no responsibility for the corrected format of arguments and rebuttals and does not proof for author's errors.

TRANSLATION OF ELECTION MATERIALS

In compliance with federal and state law, the Kings County Elections Department provides official translations of election materials to voters in Spanish and Tagalog.

NOTE: Some common English phrases do not have the same meaning when translated into Spanish or Tagalog.

WORD COUNT GUIDELINES

These guidelines are utilized by the Elections Official in determining the number of words submitted on any measure document whose content is limited by statute. Pursuant to California Elections Code § 9, this section shall not apply to counting words for Ballot Designations.

Counting of words shall be as follows:

- Punctuation Marks:** Punctuation IS NOT counted. Symbols are not considered punctuation and each symbol is counted as one word.
Example A: # (number/pound) = one word
Example B: & (and) = one word
- Titles:** Words used in the title of documents shall be counted as one word.
Example A: Measure A = one word
Example B: Argument IN FAVOR OF Measure A = one word
- Proper Nouns:** All proper nouns, including geographical names shall be counted as one word.
Example A: Dalai Lama = one word
Example B: County of Kings = one word
- Abbreviations:** Such as acronyms or abbreviations for a word, phrase, or expression are counted as one word.
Example A: HJUHSD
Example B: Irrig.

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| Hyphenated Words: | Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary shall be counted as one word. Each part of all hyphenated words shall be counted as separate words. <u>Example A:</u> Fifty-fifty = one word <u>Example B:</u> Half-cent = two words |
| Dates: | All dates, regardless of letter or number combination, shall be counted as one word. <u>Example A:</u> 01/01/2021 = one word <u>Example B:</u> January 1, 2021 = one word |
| Numbers: | Any number consisting of a digit or digits shall be counted as one word. Any number that is spelled shall be counted as a separate word or words. <u>Example A:</u> One hundred = two words <u>Example B:</u> 100 = one word |
| Contact Information: | Telephone Numbers, Email and Website Addresses shall be counted as one word. <u>Example A:</u> (559) 555-5555 = one word <u>Example B:</u> smithb20@gmail.com = one word <u>Example C:</u> www.smith123B.net = one word |

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The Political Reform Act requires all proponents of ballot measures and committees supporting or opposing ballot measures, to file campaign disclosure statements disclosing contributions received and expenditures made.

The statutory requirements of the Political Reform Act are contained in Government Code § 81000 et seq. Information and assistance relating to campaign reporting obligations under the Political Reform Act may be obtained from the Fair Political Practices Commission.

Committee Filing Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the committee to be aware of and to file the required campaign disclosure statements in a correct and timely manner.

Where to File

The location in which campaign disclosure statements are to be filed depends entirely upon the jurisdiction where the committee is active.

When to File

Refer to the FPPC Filing Schedule by visiting www.fppc.ca.gov

Fair Political Practices Commission

www.fppc.ca.gov

1102 Q Street, Suite 3000 (866) 275-3772
Sacramento, CA 95811 Advice@fppc.ca.gov

| FORM | WHO FILES | FILING DEADLINE |
|------------------------------------|---|--|
| <p>410</p> | <p>Statement of Organization / Recipient Committee Form INITIAL Filed by any individual (including an officeholder or candidate), group of individuals, organization, or any other entity that raise contributions totaling \$2,000 or more during a calendar year.</p> <p>----- TERMINATION You do NOT automatically terminate your filing obligations. Must be filed when eligible to terminate filing obligations (such as filing Form 460s), basically when all accounts are at zero and there will be no further campaign activity. (See FPPC documentation for further details).</p> | <p>INITIAL Must be filed within 10 days of receiving \$2,000 in contributions.</p> <p>If a recipient committee qualifies during the last 16 days before an election, due within 24 hours.</p> <p>----- TERMINATION When termination circumstances are met.</p> |
| <p>450 (Short Form)</p> | <p>Recipient Committee Campaign Statement - Short Form For ballot measure committees who meet ALL of the criteria below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not received a contribution which must be itemized (a cumulative amount of \$100 or more from a single source) • Has not received any other payment of \$100 or more (misc. increases to cash) • Has no outstanding loans made or received • Has no accrued expenses (unpaid bills) | <p>Deadlines vary. 450 may be filed as a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Election Statement • Semi-Annual Statement • Supplemental Pre-election Statement • Special Odd-Year Campaign Report • Quarterly Statement • Termination Statement • Amendment |
| <p>460 (Long Form)</p> | <p>Recipient Committee Campaign Statement - Long Form A person, entity, or organization that receives contributions totaling \$2,000 or more during a calendar year for the primary purpose of supporting or opposing the qualifications, passage, or defeat of one or more ballot measures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have received an itemizable contribution (a cumulative amount of \$100 or more from a single source) • Have received any other itemizable receipt • Have outstanding loans (made or received) or outstanding accrued expenses (unpaid bills). | <p>Deadlines vary. 460 may be filed as a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Election Statement • Semi-Annual Statement • Supplemental Pre-election Statement • Special Odd-Year Campaign Report • Quarterly Statement • Termination Statement • Amendment to previously filed statement |
| <p>496</p> | <p>Late Independent Expenditure Report Filed if an "Independent Expenditure" totaling \$1,000 or more to support or oppose a single ballot measure during the 90 days immediately prior to the election in which the measure is being voted on.</p> | <p>File within 24 hours of making the independent expenditure(s) and each time \$1,000 or more is spent to support or oppose a measure during the 90 days immediately prior to the election in which the measure is being voted on.</p> <p>File within 10 days of spending \$5,000 or more.</p> |

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Late Contribution Report

Recipients of late contributions must file this form.

Committees that **make** late contributions also must file this form.

Late "Monetary" Contributions: file within 24 hours of receiving or making a late contribution.

Late Non-monetary ("In-Kind") Contributions:
If receiving contribution: Within 48 hours of receiving contribution.

If making contribution: within 24 hours of making the contribution; recipient must receive a notice of the value of contribution within 24 hours of the time the contribution was made.



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Ballot Argument Signature Statement

The Kings County Elections Department requires this statement be completed and submitted with the argument per California Elections Code § 9600. Names and titles listed will be printed in the order provided and will appear as indicated. In addition, no more than 5 names may be printed following the written argument statement in the County Voter Information Guide.

Argument/Rebuttal Filed by (Check one of the following):

- Board of Supervisors or any member(s) of the Board
- Individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure
- Bona Fide Association of Citizens (see Elections Code 9166, 9287, 9503)

Ballot Argument Filer Contact Information:

Name: _____
 Residence Address: _____
 Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____
 Cell Phone: _____ Fax: _____
 Work Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
 Filer's Signature: _____

The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the:

- Argument in Favor of
- Argument Against
- Rebuttal to the Argument in Favor of
- Rebuttal to the Argument Against

ballot measure _____, at the _____ election for the _____
(letter and/or name) (title of election) (jurisdiction)
 to be held on _____ hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.
(date)

Each person must clearly print and sign as indicated below. Printing will be in the order as submitted.

| | Print Name Clearly | Print Title and Name of Organization | Signature | Date |
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Argument and Rebuttal Format

Statements will be printed in uniform type, style, and spacing according to the County's system requirements. When preparing your statement, please use block paragraphs and single-spacing format. Text submitted indented or centered will be typeset in block format. Entire statements in all capital letters, bold, or italics (or any combination of such enhancements) is not permissible and will be printed in uniform formatting. Indentations cannot be accommodated. Limited words may be printed in **boldface type**, underscored, and/or CAPITALIZED and are to be clearly indicated. All statements should be proofed by the authors for spelling and punctuation as the Kings County Elections Department is not permitted to edit any material contained therein. NOTE: Rebuttal arguments are not direct arguments. A rebuttal to a direct argument in favor of a measure is NOT a direct argument against a measure. Rebuttal arguments are only allowed when both a direct argument for AND against a measure are filed.

ALL AUTHORS MUST SIGN THE ATTACHED BALLOT ARGUMENT SIGNATURE STATEMENT

You may use this form to type your statement or attach your typed statement to this form before submitting. Statements should be typed in upper- and lower-case letters. Statements will be typeset in the Official Voter Information Guide using a standard font and size determined by the County. Additionally, you must submit your statement via e-mail in a Word format to Elections@CountyofKings.com.

(Please mark the appropriate box)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Argument in Favor of | <input type="checkbox"/> Argument Against |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rebuttal to the Argument in Favor of | <input type="checkbox"/> Rebuttal to the Argument Against |

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Measure Letter Preference Form

Jurisdiction Name: _____ Election Date: _____

Title or Description of Measure: _____

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| Date Received: _____ Time Received: _____ Received By: _____ |

Please complete this form to select your first, second, and third letter designation choices for your jurisdiction's measure on the ballot. Additionally, you may select up to five letter designations that the jurisdiction DOES NOT want assigned to its measure if your preferred choices are unavailable. By selecting a letter designation preference, the Kings County Elections Department cannot guarantee that it will be able to accommodate your request. The last day to submit a Measure Letter Preference form is E-88. |

First Choice

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|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| Place a Check Mark over your choice of Letter. | A | B | C | D | E | F | | | | |
| G | H | I | J | K | L | M | N | O | P | |
| Q | R | S | T | U | V | W | X | Y | Z | |

Second Choice

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| Place a Check Mark over your choice of Letter. | A | B | C | D | E | F | | | | |
| G | H | I | J | K | L | M | N | O | P | |
| Q | R | S | T | U | V | W | X | Y | Z | |

Third Choice

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|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| Place a Check Mark over your choice of Letter. | A | B | C | D | E | F | | | | |
| G | H | I | J | K | L | M | N | O | P | |
| Q | R | S | T | U | V | W | X | Y | Z | |

If the letters above are not available, preferably **DO NOT** assign Letter(s): (Maximum 5.)

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| Place an X over the Letter(s) you DO NOT want. | A | B | C | D | E | F | | | | |
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NOTE: Please use one (1) form per measure.

