



OFFICE OF  
**ASSESSOR-COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER & ELECTIONS**  
**REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS DIVISION**  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

### Ballot Measure Primary Argument Submission Form

A ballot argument will 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, the name of the association and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers.

Word count limit for Primary Arguments = 300 words

Ballot Measure RTR for the NOV 3 ELECTION to be held on 11/3/2020.

Primary Argument in Favor of

Primary Argument Against

**This argument is submitted by (check ONLY ONE):**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>The County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors or the Governing Body of a School District or Special District</b> Name of Governing Body: Contact Person's Printed Name: Phone: _____ Email: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Member(s) of the County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors or the Governing Body of a School District or Special District</b> Name of Governing Body: Contact Person's Printed Name: Phone: _____ Email: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Bona Fide Association of Citizens</b> If this argument is filed by a bona fide association of citizens, the signers of the argument must be affiliated with the association and be authorized to sign the argument on its behalf. Provide the printed name and signature of at least one principal officer of the association. Name of Association: Contact Person's Printed Name: Phone: _____ Email: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Individual Voters Eligible to Vote on the Measure</b> Contact Person's Printed Name: Phone: _____ Email: _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Combination of Voters and Associations</b> Contact Person's Printed Name: <u>JAMES LAWRENCE</u> Phone: _____ Email: _____

Arguments will be emailed to the contact person listed here for review before they are printed in the Sample Ballot & Official Voter Information Pamphlets.

Please complete the reverse side of this form.

Primary Argument Signers Form

Author Verified

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. Place a checkmark in the author column if the signer is the author of the argument. A signer can only list one title.

If the signers are part of a bona fide association, there is no requirement that they be eligible to vote on the measure. However, for each such signing individual, the title under the signer's name must list the name of that bona fide association and may include their position within that association.

By signing below, the undersigned state that they have read the argument and believe it not to be false or misleading.

Print information clearly.

Check if the signer is the author of the argument. Authors must be signers.

(FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY) Staff check once the eligibility of the signer is verified.

1.	Name: <b>MARK W.A. HINKLE</b>	Title: <b>President: Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Phone: [REDACTED]	Email: [REDACTED]		
	Address: [REDACTED] <b>Morgan Hill, CA 95037</b>			
	Signature: [REDACTED]	Date: <b>8-9-2020</b>		
2.	Name: <b>Thomas Weissmiller</b>	Title: <b>Retired Army Officer</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Phone: [REDACTED]	Email: [REDACTED]		
	Address: [REDACTED] <b>San Mateo</b>			
	Signature: [REDACTED]	Date: <b>8/12/2020</b>		
3.	Name: <b>Maria Christina Laskowski</b>	Title: <b>Business Transformation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Phone: [REDACTED]	Email: [REDACTED]		
	Address: [REDACTED] <b>San Mateo, CA 94402</b>			
	Signature: [REDACTED]	Date: <b>8/13/2020</b>		
4.	Name: <b>CATHERINE HART</b>	Title: <b>SALES REP</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Phone: [REDACTED]	Email: [REDACTED]		
	Address: [REDACTED] <b>SAN MATEO CA 94403</b>			
	Signature: [REDACTED]	Date: <b>8/13/20</b>		
5.	Name: <b>JAMES T LAWRENCE</b>	Title: <b>Former Mayor</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Phone: [REDACTED]	Email: [REDACTED]		
	Address: [REDACTED]			
	Signature: [REDACTED]	Date: <b>8/14/2020</b>		

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

**Imposing a one – eight of one percent retail transactions and use tax**

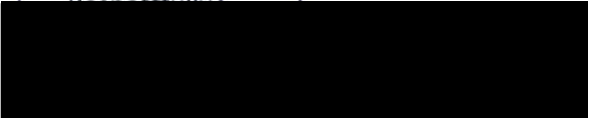

Local governments have been placing sales tax measures on the ballot in response to alleged budgetary problems. Such budgetary problems are the result of wasteful and or excessive spending by local government officials, including high pension costs and excessive personnel costs.

Sales taxes are very regressive taxes that disproportionately burden the lower income(poor) members of our community. There is little to no relationship between the amount of increased sales taxes paid and the benefits received by the taxpayer. Local sales tax increases create geographical variations in sales tax rates which place local businesses at a competitive disadvantage.

The facts are, one – an overwhelming number of commuters / riders of Cal Trains make an average of \$120,000 annually, two – the overwhelming number of commuters / riders work in corporate America and are not classified as essential workers, can and do work from home when we are in times like we are in, three – blue collar / essential workers do not have the ability to work from home and Cal Trans is not their first option for commuting to work. Bottom line, this is a public transportation service that primarily serves the rich / powerful / and affluent population here in the Bay Area.

Last but certainly not least, the CEO of Cal Trains, Jim Hartnett’s annual salary is \$543,792.....as compared to our governor, Gavin Newsome, whose annual salary is \$201,680. Mr. Hartnett and the board of Cal Trans should be ashamed of themselves!

Please join me in voting against this measure!



James Lawrence

Former Mayor, City of Foster City

**FILED** IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
CHIEF ELECTIONS OFFICER  
OF SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIF.

AUG 13 2020

MARK CHURCH, Chief Elections Officer

By.  DEPUTY CLERK