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Ballot Measure Rebuttal Argument Submission Form

If both an argument in favor of and an argument against a measure have been selected for publication in the Sample Ballot & Official Voter Information Pamphlet, a rebuttal to the argument in favor of or the argument against the measure may be submitted as outlined in this form.

The author(s) of the primary argument of the measure may prepare and submit a rebuttal argument or may authorize in writing any other person or persons to prepare, submit or sign the rebuttal argument.

A rebuttal 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 Rebuttal Arguments = 250 words

Ballot Measure V for the General to be held on 11-3-2020.

Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure V Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure _____

Signed by Same Individual(s) Selected for the Voter Information Pamphlet for the Primary Argument

If the rebuttal argument is signed by the same individual(s) as those already selected for the Voter Information Pamphlet for the primary argument, check the following box and **skip** the back side of this form.

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Rebuttal: East Palo Alto TOT Argument Measure V

The City of East Palo Alto imposes a 12% Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) on hotel guests and now is proposing a 14% tax.

The East Palo Alto City Council wants people who do not live here and largely do not use city services to pay for the services used by those who do live and work here.

In other words, they want a free ride and stick out of towners with the bill.

Would you do that to your friends, family, or co-workers?

No, because that would be immoral. It is a form of theft.

If you use city services, shouldn't you be the one to pay for them?

Do you go to a restaurant and always expect someone else to pick up the tab?

Those who regularly do that are called grifters. Or petty thieves.

Just because the City Council is looking for a free ride and stick it to out of towners to pay the bill/tax, does not make it right.

Stealing is stealing regardless if a majority approves.

Making East Palo Alto visitors pay for services that they will not or cannot use, is immoral, so vote **NO on Measure V**. Better yet, repeal the existing TOT.

And keeping this tax lower will help local hotels compete for business, encouraging more visitors to stay here, which would help boost the local economy.

To keep our local hotels competitive -- and because stealing from visitors is wrong --

VOTE NO ON V.

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