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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 S for the Portola Valley School District to be held on May 4, 2021

Primary Argument in Favor of Primary Argument Against

This argument is submitted by (check ONLY ONE):

<input type="checkbox"/>	The County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors or the Governing Body of a School District or Special District Name of Governing Body: Contact Person's Printed Name: Phone: _____ Email: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Member(s) of the County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors or the Governing Body of a School District or Special District Name of Governing Body: Contact Person's Printed Name: Phone: _____ Email: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bona Fide Association of Citizens 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Individual Voters Eligible to Vote on the Measure Contact Person's Printed Name: Aimee Armsby Phone: _____ Email: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Combination of Voters and Associations Contact Person's Printed Name: 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.

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Primary Argument Signers Form		Author	Verified
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By signing below, the undersigned state that they have read the argument and believe it not to be false or misleading.</p> <p>Print information clearly.</p>		<p>Check if the signer is the author of the argument. Authors must be signers.</p>	<p>(FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY) Staff check once the eligibility of the signer is verified.</p>
1.	<p>Name: Sarah Wernikoff Title: Portola Valley Town Council Member Phone: [REDACTED] Address: [REDACTED] Portola Valley, CA 94028 Signature: [REDACTED] Date: 2/8/21</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.	<p>Name: Karyn Bechtel Title: Past PV School District Board President Phone: [REDACTED] Address: [REDACTED] Woodside, CA 94062 Signature: [REDACTED] Date: 2/9/21</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.	<p>Name: William Urban Title: Citizens' Parcel Tax Oversight Committee member Phone: [REDACTED] Address: [REDACTED] Portola Valley, CA 94028 Signature: [REDACTED] Date: 2/9/21</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4.	<p>Name: Terri Kerwin Title: Local Realtor Phone: [REDACTED] Address: [REDACTED] Portola Valley, CA 94028 Signature: [REDACTED] Date: 2/8/2021</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5.	<p>Name: Sherry Andrighetto Title: Ormondale Teacher Phone: [REDACTED] Address: [REDACTED] Portola Valley, CA 94028 Signature: [REDACTED] Date: 2.9.21</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE S

VOTE YES on Measure S to protect the outstanding education students receive at Ormondale Elementary and Corte Madera schools without raising tax rates! 7 13

Our local public schools are a key part of what makes the Portola Valley & Woodside communities unique. Great teachers, rigorous math, science, and reading curriculum have prepared generations of children to succeed in high school, college, and careers. 7 17 14

Unfortunately, woefully inadequate State funding and the expiration of our existing community-supported parcel tax are threatening the quality of local education. If we don't pass Measure S, Portola Valley School District will have to make drastic cuts to academic programs, layoff teachers, and increase class sizes. 13 15 15

Measure S does NOT increase tax rates. Measure S simply extends and REDUCES our existing parcel tax for 8 years. Our District has tightened its belt, made cuts as far away from the classroom as possible, but a funding gap remains. **Measure S is necessary! We depend on local revenue to supplement limited State funding.** 1 15 21 15

Measure S will: 2

- Maintain enhanced science, math, reading, and writing instruction 8
- Retain qualified/experienced teachers 4
- Support music/arts programs 4
- Maintain small class sizes 4
- Sustain programs in engineering/technology 5
- Maintain school library services 4

Taxpayer safeguards are REQUIRED: 4

- **ALL funds STAY LOCAL** for PVSD schools/students 8
- The State **CANNOT** take this funding away 7
- **NO** funds are allowed for administrators' salaries/pensions 8
- Independent Citizens' Oversight and mandatory audits ensure funds are spent properly 11

Senior citizens and certain disabled persons are eligible for an exemption. We do not want this measure to become a burden to those living on a fixed income. 11 17

Whether you have school-age children or not, protecting the local quality of education is a wise investment. Good schools protect property values and keep our community strong. 10 18

Join parents, teachers, and community leaders in **VOTING YES on S.** 11

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