



Ballot Measure Primary Argument Submission Form

A ballot argument shall 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/organization, the name of the association/organization and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers. If the measure is presented to voters pursuant to an initiative petition in a special district election, please contact the Elections Office for special instructions.

Word count limit for Primary Arguments = 300

Ballot Measure L for the general to be held on 11/4/14 .

Primary Argument in Favor of Primary Argument Against

This argument is submitted by: (check all that apply)

The Governing Body of the County of San Mateo, a School District, or a Special District
 If this argument is filed by the governing body of the County of San Mateo, a school district or a special district, fill in the name of the governing body on the line below and complete both sides of this form.

Governing Body: _____

Contact Person's Printed Name: _____ Contact Person's Signature: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Member(s) of the Governing Body of the County of San Mateo, a School District, or a Special District
 If this argument is filed by any member(s) of the governing body, fill in the information below and complete both sides of this form. By statute, members of school district governing boards need board authorization to file an argument.

Member(s) of the Governing Body: _____ Name of Governing Body: _____

Contact Person's Printed Name: _____ Contact Person's Signature: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Bona Fide Association of Citizens/Organization
 If this argument is filed by a bona fide association of citizens/organization, the signers of the argument must be affiliated with the association/organization, be authorized to sign the argument on its behalf, provide the printed name and signature of at least one principal officer of the organization, and complete both sides of this form.

Name of Association/Organization: Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association

Principal Officer's Printed Name and Title: Mark W.A. Hinkle: President

Contact Person's Printed Name: Mark W.A. Hinkle

Phone: [Redacted] Fax: [Redacted]

Individual(s) eligible to vote on the measure
 Individual signers must be eligible to vote on the measure.

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Please complete the reverse side of this form.

Primary Argument Signers Form

Each signer must designate in which capacity they are signing. Check the one box that applies.

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.

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

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

		Governing Body of San Mateo County, a School District, or a Special District	Member(s) of the Governing Body of San Mateo County, a School District, or a Special District	Bona Fide Association of Citizens/Organization	Individual(s) eligible to vote on the measure
1.	Name: <u>Mark W.H. Hinkle</u> Title: <u>President</u> Email: [Redacted] Date: <u>8/15/14</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Name: _____ Title: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____ Address: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Name: _____ Title: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____ Address: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Name: _____ Title: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____ Address: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Name: _____ Title: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____ Address: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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Signers	<input type="checkbox"/> Registered	N/A	Signed	Dated
Bona Fide Association	<input type="checkbox"/> Verified	N/A	Signed	Dated

Argument Against Burlingame Elementary School District \$256 per Parcel Tax – Measure L

In 2010, voters approved Burlingame Elementary School District's **\$180** per parcel tax⁹ to "retain qualified teachers."⁴¹

And then in 2011, the District got a **\$76 per parcel tax**, to "retain qualified teachers"¹⁶ again, and "maintain smaller elementary class sizes."⁷

Then in 2012, voters approved the District to **borrow \$56,000,000** in bonds to "save money." Where are the savings? And, why aren't they being used to "retain qualified teachers"?¹²¹

Now Burlingame Elementary School District is back, yet again, asking our permission to combine both parcel taxes, and drag them out to 2030. The District always makes the same pleas to try to scare us into voting for higher taxes to "retain qualified teachers."¹⁶

This time we should tell them NO. And here's why:¹⁰

Burlingame Elementary School District is over-paying its teachers.⁶

Teachers work only 182 days per year, or 1,456 hours, compared with the average private sector employee, who works 1,916 hours per year. (Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.)¹⁴¹

The average teacher's salary in the District is \$65,336. (Source: Education Data Partnership; www.Ed-Data.k12.ca.us)¹²

For an 8-hour day, that's \$44.87 per hour, or \$358.98 per day. That's equivalent to a full-time salary of \$85,970 per year, plus generous benefits rarely found in the private sector.¹⁸

With all those "qualified teachers" we retained, with their above-average salaries, the students should all be above average academically, right? **Sadly, too many of our students fall below acceptable levels:** In English, 20% are below proficiency; in science, 17%; in Social Science, 20%; and **in math, a whopping 23% fall below proficiency.**

Please don't reward failure with your hard-earned money. **Demand better academic results**, and only *then* reward the District for their efforts.

Please vote NO on Measure L.⁶

Like us, you can be for schools, for students, for teachers, and against Measure L.

For more information: www.SVTaxpayers.org/2014-11-burlingame-elementary-school-district-parcel-tax.

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CALIF.

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