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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 R for the GENERAL to be held on 11-8-22

Primary Argument in Favor of

Primary Argument Against R

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 checked="" 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: <u>SILICON VALLEY TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION</u> Contact Person's Printed Name: <u>MARK W.A. HINKLE</u> Phone: _____ Email: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual Voters Eligible to Vote on the Measure Contact Person's Printed Name: 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.	Name: <i>MARK W.A. HINKLE</i>	Title: <i>PRESIDENT: SILICON VALLEY TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Phone: [REDACTED]	Email: [REDACTED]		
	Address: [REDACTED] <i>MORGAN HILL, CA 95037</i>			
	Signature: [REDACTED]	Date: <i>8-18-22</i>		
2.	Name:	Title:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Submit a second form (this side only) for alternate signers attached to this form and the argument.

SILICON VALLEY TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION

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Argument Against La Honda-Pescadero \$15M Bond – Measure _R

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In March 2020, you agreed — correctly — with La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District, that **our children deserve better** than these 2018–19 academic performance levels:

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57.06% of students were below grade level in English.

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68.82% were below in math.

Source: Education Data Partnership, www.Ed-Data.org

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Accordingly, **you approved** their requested **\$130/year parcel tax — for seven years —** explicitly to **“increase student achievement.”**

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Now, two years in, is LHPUSD delivering that “increased student achievement”? Unfortunately, we can’t tell!

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Most school districts provided their 2020–21 figures to Education Data Partnership, but LHPUSD’s figures aren’t showing up.

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We’re concerned. Had performance improved, surely LHPUSD would be publicizing it! We especially fear that pandemic policies hindering so many children may have exacerbated that likely deterioration.

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Now, without a progress report, LHPUSD wants your permission to **borrow \$15 million** — at up to 12%/year, for decades — to **“provide the education that students deserve.”**

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They claim this loan is needed to create “a safe ...environment.”

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We think students’ **education** and **safety** are so crucial they **should be secured in the annual budget**, not an emergency that treats taxpayers like ATMs and saddles generations with debt.

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This time, **vote NO**, because:

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- **Enrollment** has been **declining steadily** (down 11% since 2018–19). Time to plan classroom consolidation with retention of the very best teachers, saving taxpayer funds — not expensive “modernization.”

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- LHPUSD spends **\$23,495/student annually**, a whopping **151% of the statewide average**. (How do the other districts manage?!) 7/8

An experienced, capable school board should face facts when district enrollment shrinks. Their homework: tighten the budget accordingly (just as families do!) and strategize how to restructure. 727

Don't reward failure with your and your neighbors' hard-earned money. 11

Demand sensible budgeting toward strong academics. 6

Vote NO on Measure R. 5

You can be for schools, for students, for teachers — and against Measure R. 12

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By:  Chief Elections Officer