

Rebuttal to the Argument in Favor of San Carlos School District Parcel Tax, Measure P

Since 2009, proponents knew the \$78 parcel tax wouldn't last forever, but while we've been busy trimming family budgets, what have they done to trim theirs? 10

**Instead of tax relief we anticipated—from \$78 down to \$0—we now face a 74% increase!** 14

When going back to basics is the sensible approach, proponents propose splurging by *expanding* “design, engineering, [and] music” 13

Proponents claim: “...our per-student State funding remains among the lowest in San Mateo County.” 13

Really? 1

Let's compare San Carlos School District's salaries and expenses with two comparably sized districts in our county: 2

Year 2012-13	San Carlos School District	Cabrillo Unified School District	Pacifica School District
Total Revenue/Student	\$9,517	\$9,132	\$7,950
Expenditures/Student of...			
...Certificated Salaries	\$4,695	\$4,111	\$3,337
...Classified Salaries	\$1,255	\$1,305	\$1,132
...Other Local Revenue	\$2,530	\$1,171	\$1,036

*(Source: Education Data Partnership, www.Ed-Data.K12.ca.us)* 5

Both revenues and expenses exceed similar districts. (And, almost every salary; see “Argument Against.”) 11

So, is splurging producing better students? 6

Let's compare: 2

Students' STAR <sup>(1)</sup> test scores	San Carlos School District	Burlingame School District
English	81%	81%
Math	78%	77%
Science	88%	86%
History	79%	83%
<b>Average:</b>	<b>81.5%</b>	<b>81.75%</b>

In 2011-12,<sup>(2)</sup> Burlingame School District's and our students' levels nearly matched. 9

Who spent unwisely? 3

San Carlos School District spends over 12% more (\$1,157/year!) per student<sup>(3)</sup>—for virtually identical results. 12

*Should they really expect a raise?* 6

Clearly, more money does not equal higher test scores or better education. 12

You can be *for* children, teachers, schools, and *against* steeper taxes. 13

Set an example of financial responsibility for our children: Vote NO on Measure P. 14

For information (e.g., how senior exemption requires applying yearly!): 9

[www.SVTaxpayers.org/2015-san-carlos-sd-parcel-tax](http://www.SVTaxpayers.org/2015-san-carlos-sd-parcel-tax) 1

(1) (2) (3) See footnotes under "Argument Against." 5

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## Ballot Measure Argument Rebuttal Submission Form

If both an argument in favor of and against a measure have been selected for publication in the 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 of the argument in favor of the measure may prepare and submit a rebuttal argument to the argument against the measure or may authorize in writing any other person or persons to prepare, submit, or sign the rebuttal argument. Likewise, the author of the argument against the measure may prepare and submit a rebuttal argument to the argument in favor of the measure or may authorize in writing any other person or persons to prepare, submit, or sign the rebuttal argument.

A rebuttal 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.

Word count limit for Rebuttal Arguments = 250

The rebuttal arguments shall be submitted to the elections official conducting the election no later than \_\_\_\_\_.

These rules apply to all rebuttal arguments unless a rebuttal argument is otherwise provided by law.

Ballot Measure P for the special to be held on May 5, 2015

Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure P       Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure \_\_\_\_\_

### Signed by Exact Same Individual(s) as Argument Already Selected for the Voter Information Pamphlet

If you are submitting a rebuttal argument and the individual(s) signing the rebuttal argument are the same as the individual(s) signing the original Ballot Measure Primary Argument Submission Form, check the following box and complete the back side of this form.

Rebuttal Argument Is Signed by Same Individual(s) as Argument Already Selected For the Voter Information Packet

### Submitted by Different Individual(s) as the Opposing Primary Argument

If the rebuttal argument is signed by anyone different than the signer(s) of the Ballot Measure Primary Argument Submission Form already submitted—including whether there is only one different individual or whether there are up to five new individuals—you must complete the section below, complete the back side of this form, and attach to this form the written authorization by the author that indicates: (i) your name(s); and (ii) the author's name, contact information, statement of authorization, and signature.

Contact Person:	Phone:
Mailing Address:	
Fax:	Email:

Please complete the reverse side of this form.

**Rebuttal 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, 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.

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1.	Name: <u>Mark W. A. Hinkle</u>	Title: <u>Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association President</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Phone: [Redacted]	Email: [Redacted]				
	Address: [Redacted]	Date: <u>2/23/15</u>				

2.	Name: <u>Harland Harrison</u>	Title: <u>Secretary, Libertarian Party of San Mateo County</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Phone: [Redacted]	Email: [Redacted]				
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3.	Name: <u>Michael Stagner</u>	Title: <u>Resident of San Carlos.</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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4.	Name:	Title:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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.**

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