



# 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 \_\_\_\_\_ for the Menlo Park City School District to be held on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Primary Argument in Favor of  Primary Argument Against

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>The Governing Body of the County of San Mateo, a School District, or a Special District</b>	
	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:

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Member(s) of the Governing Body of the County of San Mateo, a School District, or a Special District</b>	
	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:

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Bona Fide Association of Citizens/Organization</b>	
	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:	
	Principal Officer's Printed Name and Title:	Principal Officer's Signature:
	Contact Person's Printed Name:	Email:
	Phone:	Fax:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Individual(s) eligible to vote on the measure</b>	
	Individual signers must be eligible to vote on the measure.	
	Contact Person:	[Redacted]
	<u>Scott Sawwell</u>	[Redacted]

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: David Ackerman Title: Retired Former Principal

Address: [Redacted] Menlo Park, CA 94025

Date: Dec. 12, 2016

2. Name: Caroline Lucas Title: Educator, Trustee

Address: [Redacted] Menlo Park, CA 94025

Date: Dec. 15, 2016

3. Name: Sarah Cueva Title: Pediatrician

Address: [Redacted] Menlo Park CA 94025

Date: Dec 11, 2016

4. Name: Charlot Singleton Title: Educator/Community Volunteer

Address: [Redacted] Atherton, CA 94027

Date: December 11, 2016

5. Name: Mark Box Title: Investor

Address: [Redacted] Menlo Park, CA 94025

Date: December 11, 2016

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

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Signers  Registered N/A Signed [Redacted] Dated 12/15

Bona Fide Association  Verified N/A Signed Dated

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MARK CHURCH Chief Elections Officer

By: [Redacted] DEPUTY CLERK

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE \_\_\_\_

The Menlo Park City School District (MPCSD) has some of the best K-8 schools in California - Laurel, Encinal, Oak Knoll and Hillview - with talented, dedicated teachers and staff. California state funding for education is near the bottom nationwide, and MPCSD's high-quality education is only possible due to our community's support and commitment. Our local parcel taxes provide 15% of the funding for our district, and one of these parcel taxes will expire in June. The loss of this funding, along with increasing state obligations and enrollment, will generate a budget deficit of over \$5 million in five years. ~~X8~~

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To preserve high-quality education and continue to invest in our future, we must approve this critical parcel tax.

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Without Measure \_\_: 3

- ✓ Expiring parcel tax funding will be lost; 7 -
- ✓ Teacher reductions start Spring 2017; 5 -
- ✓ Art, library, and science programs will be significantly diminished; and 10 -
- ✓ Class sizes will increase. 4 -

A vote FOR Measure \_\_ will: 6

- ✓ Keep classes sizes reasonable; 4 -
- ✓ Protect art, library, and science programs; and 7 -
- ✓ Retain our highly qualified and experienced teachers. 7 -

In addition: 2 -

- ✓ Funds from Measure \_\_ can't be taken by the state. They are required by law to be used exclusively for our award-winning K-8 schools. 18 -  
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- ✓ Revenue raised by Measure \_\_ will be tracked and is subject to strict fiscal controls and oversight, including independent annual audits. 16 -  
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- ✓ Includes exemption for residents 65 and over. ~~X7~~

Menlo Park City School District depends on this crucial funding to provide a bright future for our children and keep our property values strong. YES on Measure \_\_ means investing in our students, teachers, and the future of our community. 8 -

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For more information go to [SupportMenloParkSchools.org](http://SupportMenloParkSchools.org).

Please vote YES on Measure \_\_ on March 7, 2017.

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