



Ballot Measure Primary Argument Submission Form

Ravenswood City School District

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 primary to be held on June 7, 2016.

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 HINKLE

Phone: _____

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
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1. Name: Mark W.A. Hinkle Title: President

Signature: [Redacted] Date: 03/15/16

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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2. Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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3. Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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4. Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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5. Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

<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

MAR 15 2016

Ravenswood City School District \$26,000,000 BOND Measure

MARK CHURCH, Chief Elections Officer
By: [REDACTED]
DEPUTY CLERK

Argument Against

In 2000, voters in the district passed a \$10,000,000 bond measure, meant to "improve technology." And in 1996, a \$6,000,000 bond to "improve technology."

If you wanted a personal computer for your home or business, would you take out a 30-year loan at an unknown interest rate to pay for it?

That would be nuts, right? Especially because most technology is going to be obsolete in 3–5 years. But, decades of debt are exactly what the proponents of Measure __ would be pushing on us, with this bond.

Bond interest rates can legally go as high as 12% per year.

Would you buy a house or condo without knowing what the interest rate is going to be? That would be nuts, right?

But, the proponents of Measure __ are asking us to accept that uncertainty, that risk.

And because bond measures are like mortgages — they have to be paid back with interest — we should ask about the real cost of this \$26,000,000 bond measure.

If we assume a 3% rate, that's \$780,000 per year, just in interest.

Over 30 years, that adds up to \$23,400,000 in interest, plus the original bond amount of \$26,000,000, for a total cost of \$49,400,000.

That's our hard-earned money squandered on investment bankers, not technology — let alone teachers.

What makes schools great is great teachers — not fancy classrooms or access to the trendiest computer technology.

By the time this bond measure is paid off, the technology it funded will be long ago obsolete, probably rotting in some landfill dump.

Just say NO to more debt. Vote NO on Measure __.

For more information, please see our web page: ~~8~~

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