



## 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 B for the General Election to be held on 11/7/2017.

Primary Argument in Favor of  Primary Argument Against

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>The Governing Body of the City of San Mateo</b> If this argument is filed by the governing body of the City of San Mateo, fill in the name of the governing body on the line below and complete both sides of this form.
Governing Body: <u>San Mateo City Council</u>	
Contact Person's Printed Name: <u>David Lim</u>	Contact Person's Signature: [REDACTED]
Title: <u>Mayor</u>	
Phone: [REDACTED]	Email: [REDACTED]
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Member(s) of the Governing Body of the City of San Mateo</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.
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 type="checkbox"/>	<b>Individual(s) eligible to vote on the measure</b> 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**

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.

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

Governing Body City of San Mateo	Member(s) of the Governing Body of City of San Mateo	Bona Fide Association of Citizens/Organization	Individual(s) eligible to vote on the measure
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1.	Name: David Lim	Title: Mayor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phone: [REDACTED]		Email: [REDACTED]				
Address: [REDACTED] San Mateo, CA 94403						
Signature: [REDACTED]		Date: 8/15/2017				
2.	Name: Rick Bonilla	Title: Deputy Mayor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phone: [REDACTED]		Email: [REDACTED]				
Address: [REDACTED] San Mateo, CA 94403						
Signature: [REDACTED]		Date: 8/15/2017				
3.	Name: Diane Papan	Title: Council Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phone: [REDACTED]		Email: [REDACTED]				
Address: [REDACTED] San Mateo, CA 94403						
Signature: [REDACTED]		Date: 8-15-2017				
4.	Name: Maureen Freschet	Title: Council Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phone: [REDACTED]		Email: [REDACTED]				
Address: [REDACTED] San Mateo, CA 94403						
Signature: [REDACTED]		Date: 8-18-2017				
5.	Name: Joe Goethals	Title: Council Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phone: [REDACTED]		Email: [REDACTED]				
Address: [REDACTED] San Mateo, CA 94403						
Signature: [REDACTED]		Date: 8-17-2017				

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

“Arguments in support or opposition of the proposed laws are the opinions of the authors.”

## **Argument in Favor of Measure B**

Vote yes on Measure B to amend the City’s charter to move regular elections from odd years to even years (statewide) elections. This is to meet Senate Bill 415 signed into law on September 1, 2015. This law requires a City’s regular elections to move to even years if there is at least 25% less voter turnout from the most recent odd-year election, compared to the average of the last four even-year elections. San Mateo’s voter turnout in 2015 was 33.1%. The average of the last four even year elections was 68.4% equaling a 35.3% drop in voter turnout in odd years. The intent of the law is to hold elections when voter turnout is most robust.

A charter amendment is required because the City’s charter explicitly calls out that regular elections are to be held in odd numbered years. In order to be compliant with state law a charter amendment is needed to change this language to even years.

In order to make the move to even year elections, Council terms would be adjusted one time from a four-year term to a five-year term. This means all Council members seated on December 4, 2017 would have their terms extended one year. For example, the three seats up for election this November, the successful candidates would next be up for election in November 2022, and the two incumbents currently seated would be up for election in November 2020 instead of 2019. Thereafter terms revert back to four year terms. The City’s next general election would be November 2020, three years from now.

We urge you to vote Yes on Measure B to amend the city charter to be in compliance with state law. More information can be found on the city’s website: [www.cityofsanmateo.org/election](http://www.cityofsanmateo.org/election)

Signed:

/s/ David Lim, Mayor

/s/ Rick Bonilla, Deputy Mayor

/s/ Diane Papan, Council Member

/s/ Maureen Freschet, Council Member

/s/ Joe Goethals, Council Member