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Ballot Measure Primary Argument Submission Form

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A ballot argument will not be accepted unless accompanied by this completed typed 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. Please make sure you are using proper format before submitting to the Elections Office.

Word count limit for Primary Arguments = 300 words

Ballot Measure _____ for the General Municipal Election to be held on 11/5/24

[] Primary Argument in Favor of [x] Primary Argument Against

This argument is submitted by (check ONLY ONE):

Form with sections: The Governing Body of the City of San Carlos, Member(s) of the Governing Body of the City of San Carlos, Bona Fide Association of Citizens, Individual Voters Eligible to Vote on the Measure, and Combination of Voters and Associations. Includes fields for Name, Contact Person's Printed Name, Phone, and 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.

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. Honorifics such as M.D., Dr., Esquire, etc. with a name are not accepted.</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>Type 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: James O. Brown	Title:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Phone: [REDACTED]	Email: [REDACTED]		
	Address: [REDACTED]		Pronouns:	
	Signature: [REDACTED]	Date: 8/9/24	He/His:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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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

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE _____

The position of San Carlos City Treasurer should remain an elected position. Making it appointed by the City Council removes direct authority from the citizens and concentrates it in the City Council. Direct citizen oversight enhances liberty.

While it's tempting to argue certain financial qualifications should be required, those benefits are outweighed by maintaining direct citizen oversight. The State of California Treasurer likewise requires no such qualifications and is elected directly by the citizens. The fact that other peninsula cities have already converted to an appointed treasurer is not a reason for us to follow suit.

This is consistent with the Tenth Amendment to The Constitution stating that power not delegated to The Federal Government resides in the states or The People.

My opinion is based on my education (MBA, UC Berkeley) and experience in the general field of finance. I am a Certified Financial Planner® and retired corporate banker plus 25 years' experience as a consulting partner in an accounting firm.



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