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County of Santa Clara Office of the Registrar of Voters

Ballot Measure Argument Form

<p>This Ballot Measure Argument Form must be submitted for every ballot primary argument and rebuttal argument, with required signatures and author information. The County of Santa Clara Office of the Registrar of Voters allows electronic submission of documents if the scanned copy is clear and readable. You may email your completed form and attach the argument in Microsoft Word version to candidateservices@rov.sccgov.org. Any errors will be printed on the County Voter Information Guide and/or ballot exactly as submitted. A proof will be sent to the primary filer for confirmation that it matches the argument as submitted—no other corrections will be accepted.</p>	<p>Office Use Only</p> <hr/> <p>Time/Date Stamp</p>
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Date of Election: March 5, 2024

Primary Argument due date (E-84): 12-12-2023
Examination Period (E-83 to E-74): 12/13/2023-12/22/2023

Rebuttal Argument due date (E-77): 12-19-2023
Examination Period (E-76 to E-67): 12/20/2023-12/29/2023

SECTION 1: ARGUMENT INFORMATION

Measure Letter A (if available) – letters will be assigned after 5:00 p.m. on E-88: 12-8-2023

Select Who You are, and Which Argument You Are Submitting

Proponent:	Opponent:
<input type="checkbox"/> Primary Argument in Favor	<input type="checkbox"/> Primary Argument Against
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rebuttal Argument to Primary Argument Against	<input type="checkbox"/> Rebuttal Argument to Primary Argument in Favor

SECTION 2: AUTHOR INFORMATION

Declaration Related to Proponent / Opponent Primary and Rebuttal Arguments
(Elections Code §§ 9161, 9164, 9167, 9170, 9501, 9501.5, 9504, 9600)

Please Select the Correct Line

- I am an Author of the Proponent Argument (noted above) for Measure A being submitted. I support this measure.
- I am an Author of the Opponent Argument (noted above) for Measure _____ being submitted. I oppose this measure.

For any argument (primary or rebuttal) submitted on behalf of an organization or bona fide association of citizens, the "Argument Signer Form" in Section 3 below must be completed by a principal officer of the organization or bona fide association of citizens and the organization must submit one of the following:

- its articles of incorporation, articles of association, partnership documents, bylaws, or similar documents;
- letterhead containing the name of the organization and its principal officers; **OR**
- if the organization or association is a primarily formed committee established to support or oppose the measure, its statement of organization (FPPC Form 410) filed pursuant to Government Code 84101.

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Verified Individual Submitter as a:

- Registered Voter in District
 Governing Board Member
 Principal Officer of Organization

Organization Submitted Required Documentation:

- articles of incorp. or assoc., bylaws, or similar
 letterhead
 FPPC Form 410

- One (1) to five (5) signers submitted.

Staff Initials _____

SECTION 3: ARGUMENT TEXT

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR PRIMARY / REBUTTAL ARGUMENT TO THIS FORM.

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Select Signing Order for Each Signatory Below (1, 2, 3, etc.) Argument Signer Form	
The undersigned author(s) of the attached argument hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="margin-bottom: 10px;">1. <li style="margin-bottom: 10px;">2. <li style="margin-bottom: 10px;">3. <li style="margin-bottom: 10px;">4. <li style="margin-bottom: 10px;">5. 	<p>Gender: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Masculine / <input type="checkbox"/> Feminine / <input type="checkbox"/> Androgynous or Non-binary / <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p> <p>I am a: <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Voter in District / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Governing Board Member / <input type="checkbox"/> Principal Officer of the Organization Submitting the Argument</p> <p>Name of Signer (to be printed on argument): <u>Sudhanshu "Suds" Jain</u></p> <p>[IF APPLICABLE] Title (to be printed on argument): <u>Santa Clara Councilmember</u></p> <p>[IF APPLICABLE] Name of Organization or Bona Fide Association of Citizens (to be printed on argument): _____</p> <p>[For individuals] Residential Address (where you are registered to vote): _____</p> <p>[For governing board members and principal officers] Business Address: <u>1500 Warburton Ave, Santa Clara, CA 95050</u></p> <p>Phone: <u>408-499-2955</u> Email: <u>sjain@santaclaraca.gov</u></p>
SIGNATURE 	<p>Under penalty of perjury, I attest the above information meets the required criteria for an Individual or for an Organization or Bona Fide Association of Citizens for purposes of submitting an argument:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sudhanshu Jain</i></p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="margin-bottom: 10px;">1. <li style="margin-bottom: 10px;">2. <li style="margin-bottom: 10px;">3. <li style="margin-bottom: 10px;">4. <li style="margin-bottom: 10px;">5. 	<p>Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> masculine / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> feminine / <input type="checkbox"/> androgynous or non-binary / <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____</p> <p>I am a: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered Voter in District / <input type="checkbox"/> Governing Board Member / <input type="checkbox"/> Principal Officer of the Organization Submitting the Argument</p> <p>Name of Signer (to be printed on argument): <u>Christine Koltermann</u></p> <p>[IF APPLICABLE] Title (to be printed on argument): <u>Former member Charter Review Committee</u></p> <p>[IF APPLICABLE] Name of Organization or Bona Fide Association of Citizens (to be printed on argument): _____</p> <p>[For individuals] Residential Address (where you are registered to vote): <u>Santa Clara CA 95051</u></p> <p>[For governing board members and principal officers] Business Address: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____ Email: _____</p>
SIGNATURE 	<p>Under penalty of perjury, I attest the above information meets the required criteria for an Individual or for an Organization or Bona Fide Association of Citizens for purposes of submitting an argument:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Christine Koltermann</i></p>



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Ballot Measure Rebuttal Argument Consent Form

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SECTION 1: ARGUMENT INFORMATION

Measure Letter <u>A</u> (if available) Jurisdiction <u>City of Santa Clara</u>	Date of Election <u>3/5/2024</u>
Proponent: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rebuttal Argument to Primary Argument Against	Opponent: <input type="checkbox"/> Rebuttal Argument to Primary Argument in Favor


SECTION 2: REQUIRED CONSENT

Under penalty of perjury, I attest and verify that I have read the complete text of the ballot measure rebuttal argument above and authorize that my name or the name of my Organization or Bona Fide Association of Citizens, which I am an authorized representative of, may be printed, exactly as it appears in the text of the rebuttal argument in the County Voter Information Guide.

As an author of the Primary Argument in Support / Opposition to Measure _____ (assigned letter), I authorize Christine Koltermann (new Rebuttal Argument Signer) to sign the rebuttal argument.

Full Name (Print) RAJ CHAHAL

Name of Organization or Bona Fide Association of Citizens Councilmember, City of Santa Clara (if applicable)

SIGNATURE  Raj Chahal Date: 12/19/2023

SECTION 3: ARGUMENT TEXT

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<p>SIGNATURE</p> <p>➔</p>	<p>Under penalty of perjury, I attest the above information meets the required criteria for an Individual or for an Organization or Bona Fide Association of Citizens for purposes of submitting an argument:</p> <p><u><i>Karen Hardy</i></u></p>
<p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p> <p>4.</p> <p>5.</p>	<p>Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> masculine / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> feminine / <input type="checkbox"/> androgynous or non-binary / <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____</p> <p>I am a: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered Voter in District / <input type="checkbox"/> Governing Board Member / <input type="checkbox"/> Principal Officer of the Organization Submitting the Argument</p> <p>Name of Signer (to be printed on argument): <u>Clysta Seney</u></p> <p>[IF APPLICABLE] Title (to be printed on argument): <u>Former member, Charter Review Committee</u></p> <p>[IF APPLICABLE] Name of Organization or Bona Fide Association of Citizens (to be printed on argument): _____</p> <p>[For individuals] Residential Address (where you are registered to vote): <u>Santa Clara, CA 95050</u></p> <p>[For governing board members and principal officers] Business Address: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____ Email: _____</p>
<p>SIGNATURE</p> <p>➔</p>	<p>Under penalty of perjury, I attest the above information meets the required criteria for an Individual or for an Organization or Bona Fide Association of Citizens for purposes of submitting an argument:</p> <p><u><i>Clysta E. Seney McElmole</i></u></p>

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3.	Name of Signer (to be printed on argument): <u>Michele Ryan</u>
4.	[IF APPLICABLE] Title (to be printed on argument): <u>Trustee</u>
5.	[IF APPLICABLE] Name of Organization or Bona Fide Association of Citizens (to be printed on argument): <u>Santa Clara Unified School District</u>
[For individuals] Residential Address (where you are registered to vote): _____ _____, Santa Clara CA 95050	
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Phone: _____ Email: _____	
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SECTION 3 CHECKLIST	
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Primary Argument Checklist (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Author(s) meets criteria to sign? <input type="checkbox"/> Author's title as signed meets criteria? <input type="checkbox"/> Residential address meets criteria for eligible individual voter to sign? <input type="checkbox"/> Argument Signer Form signed by author(s)? <input type="checkbox"/> Signing order indicated? <input type="checkbox"/> Only author's name is listed on name line and matches signed name? <input type="checkbox"/> Author's TYPED or LEGIBLY WRITTEN title is on title line, if applicable? <input type="checkbox"/> Author's gender is selected? <input type="checkbox"/> Original or scanned signatures are clear and readable for verification? <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Argument does not exceed 300 words? <input type="checkbox"/> Author's contact information is filled out? <input type="checkbox"/> Author's document(s) filed by deadline? Staff Initials _____	Rebuttal Argument Checklist (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Authors filed written authorization, if different authors submitted? <input type="checkbox"/> Argument Signer Form signed by author? <input type="checkbox"/> Signing order indicated? <input type="checkbox"/> Only author's name is listed on name line and matches signed name? <input type="checkbox"/> Author's TYPED or LEGIBLY WRITTEN title is on title line, if applicable? <input type="checkbox"/> Author's gender is selected? <input type="checkbox"/> Original or scanned signatures are clear and readable for verification? <input type="checkbox"/> Rebuttal Argument does not exceed 250 words? <input type="checkbox"/> Author's contact information is filled out? <input type="checkbox"/> Author's document(s) filed by deadline? Staff Initials _____



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Full Name (Print) Jeffrey Grant Houston

Name of Organization or Bona Fide Association of Citizens _____ (if applicable)

SIGNATURE  **Date:** 12-18-2023

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