



CITY OF SANTA CLARA  
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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# County of Santa Clara Office of the Registrar of Voters

## Ballot Measure Argument Form

<p>This <b>Ballot Measure Argument Form</b> 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 <a href="mailto:candidateservices@rov.sccgov.org">candidateservices@rov.sccgov.org</a>. 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>	Office Use Only
	Time/Date Stamp

Date of Election: March 5, 2024

Primary Argument due date (E-84): December 12, 2023

Examination Period (E-83 to E-74): December 13-22, 2023

Rebuttal Argument due date (E-77): December 19, 2023

Examination Period (E-76 to E-67): December 20-29, 2023

### SECTION 1: ARGUMENT INFORMATION

Measure Letter A (if available) – letters will be assigned after 5:00 p.m. on E-88: December 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 type="checkbox"/> Rebuttal Argument to Primary Argument Against	<input checked="" 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 \_\_\_\_\_ being submitted. I support this measure.

I am an Author of the Opponent Argument (noted above) for Measure **A** \_\_\_\_\_ 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.**

The text of your primary and/or rebuttal argument will be printed exactly as submitted. Type your primary and/or rebuttal argument with the desired formatting. Ensure that your primary and/or rebuttal argument meets the legal word limit. You may request that specific text is printed in bold, italic, or bold italic font type.

The County of Santa Clara Office of the Registrar of Voters uses standard typefaces, font sizes, headers, and bullets in all measure related documents. In addition, measure related documents use the following formatting standards: 1) indent increments will be set at 0.25"; 2) spacing will be standardized to language-appropriate number of spaces following periods, colons, commas, and semicolons; 3) tabs will be used for numbered and/or bulleted indented text; and 4) signers will be formatted as conformed signatures with titles below the name. All measure related documents submitted to the Office of the Registrar of Voters will be formatted to the prescribed standards.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If the primary and/or rebuttal argument is handwritten or a revision is unclear, the County of Santa Clara Office of the Registrar of Voters staff will interpret the handwritten information to the best of their abilities. That interpretation is final.

## **PROTECT OUR VOTER RIGHTS TO ELECT OUR CITY CLERK**

**Measure A was devised by the “City Council Majority” that a 2022 Civil Grand Jury reported does not always act in Santa Clara’s best interest. (Source: “Unsportsmanlike Conduct”)**

The Grand Jury reported the “City Council Majority” fired a City Manager and a City Attorney at the request of a special interest.

The “City Council Majority” could pressure the City Manager to select their choice for a City Clerk.

Then the “City Council Majority” could cut funds for election monitoring and make Santa Clara campaigns less clean.

**The City Clerk is currently elected by voters to keep campaigns clean.**

For good government, who do you trust to select him or her?

An elected City Clerk supported by qualified City staff is an excellent model and serves Santa Clara well.

**Politicians and bureaucrats should not eliminate Santa Clara voters’ rights to give themselves more power.**

Recently, Santa Clara has been flooded with millions of dollars of special-interest campaign spending.

We need an independent City Clerk who answers to voters and won’t be easily pressured by politicians or bureaucrats.

**Measure A proponents’ arguments are deceptive. They do NOT disclose:**



- Measure A eliminates Santa Clarans’ right to elect a City Clerk– a privilege enshrined in the city’s charter for decades.
- Professional City staff have special qualifications and training to support the City Clerk.
- Executive searches for City employees can cost more than ballot elections.

Please vote **NO** on Measure A.

# Section 3 continued...

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>1. </li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> <li>4.</li> <li>5.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Gender:</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Masculine / <input type="checkbox"/> Feminine / <input type="checkbox"/> Androgynous or Non-binary / <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p> <p><b>I am a:</b>  <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><b>Name of Signer (to be printed on argument):</b> <u>Pat Nikolai</u></p> <p><b>[IF APPLICABLE] Title (to be printed on argument):</b> <u>Chief of Police, Santa Clara</u></p> <p><b>[IF APPLICABLE] Name of Organization or Bona Fide Association of Citizens (to be printed on argument):</b>                      _____</p> <p><b>[For individuals] Residential Address (where you are registered to vote):</b>                      _____                      _____                      _____, Santa Clara, CA 95050</p> <p><b>[For governing board members and principal officers] Business Address:</b>                      _____</p> <p>Phone: _____ Email: _____</p>
<p><b>SIGNATURE</b>  </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>
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<b>SIGNATURE</b> 	<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>Kathy Watanabe</i></p> <hr/> <p><b>Gender:</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> masculine / <input type="checkbox"/> feminine / <input type="checkbox"/> androgynous or non-binary / <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____</p> <p><b>I am a:</b>  <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><b>Name of Signer (to be printed on argument):</b> <u>Satish Chandra</u></p> <p><b>[IF APPLICABLE] Title (to be printed on argument):</b> <u>Charter Review Committee Member, Police Chief Advisory Committee</u></p> <p><b>[IF APPLICABLE] Name of Organization or Bona Fide Association of Citizens (to be printed on argument):</b>                      _____</p> <p><b>[For individuals] Residential Address (where you are registered to vote):</b>                      _____,                      _____, Santa Clara, CA 95054</p> <p><b>[For governing board members and principal officers] Business Address:</b>                      _____</p> <p>Phone: _____ Email: _____</p>
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<b>3.</b>	<b>Name of Signer (to be printed on argument):</b> <u>Teresa O'Neill</u>
<b>4.</b>	<b>[IF APPLICABLE] Title (to be printed on argument):</b> <u>Former Santa Clara Unified School Board Trustee</u>
<b>5.</b>	<b>[IF APPLICABLE] Name of Organization or Bona Fide Association of Citizens (to be printed on argument):</b> _____
	<b>[For individuals] Residential Address (where you are registered to vote):</b> _____ _____, Santa Clara, CA 95051
	<b>[For governing board members and principal officers] Business Address:</b> _____
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<b>SIGNATURE</b> 	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:  <u><i>Teresa O'Neill</i></u>

SECTION 3 CHECKLIST	
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<b>Primary Argument Checklist (check all that apply):</b> <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?  <b>Staff Initials</b> _____	<b>Rebuttal Argument Checklist (check all that apply):</b> <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?  <b>Staff Initials</b> _____