

SISKIYOU COUNTY

GUIDE FOR SUBMITTING ARGUMENTS AND REBUTTALS FOR LOCAL MEASURES

DISCLAIMER

This informational booklet was developed in an effort to provide answers to questions frequently asked of the Siskiyou County Clerk's Office concerning arguments and rebuttals for measures. It is for general information only and does not have the force and effect of law, regulations or rule. In case of conflict, the law, regulation or rule will apply. Persons using this booklet must bear full responsibility to make their own determinations as to all legal standards and duties.

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What is a Measure? A measure is an ordinance, question or issue submitted to a vote of the people at any election. Local (county, city or district) questions, issues or amendments are referred to as “Measures,” while those that are voted upon statewide are called “Propositions.”

Information provided in this booklet is applicable to the filing of arguments and rebuttals concerning measures in Siskiyou County only. Arguments and/or rebuttals involving measures are filed with the Siskiyou County Clerk’s Office, 311 Fourth Street, Room 201, Yreka, CA; during normal business hours.

SUBMITTING A MEASURE FOR THE BALLOT The local deadline for jurisdictions to submit a measure to County Clerk’s Office is 113 days prior to an election.

DUE DATES FOR ARGUMENTS AND REBUTTALS The California Elections Code provides that the county elections official shall establish deadlines for the filing of arguments and rebuttals based on the time reasonably necessary to allow for the 10 day required public examination period, and to prepare, print and mail the Voter Information Guide. Each measure is treated separately. The due dates for arguments and rebuttals will be determined by the county elections official for each individual measure and will be included in the Notice of Election for the measure that is published in local newspapers. All original arguments and rebuttals, including the original signatures of the proponents, for county, municipal (city), special districts and school districts measures must be filed in the office of the county elections official by 4:00 p.m. on the applicable deadline. Call (530) 842-8084 to obtain the due dates. (EC 9163)

FILERS OF ARGUMENTS The “filer” of an argument must be from either the governing body, a bona fide association of citizens or be a registered voter in the district. However, *the signers of an argument need not meet these criteria*. For example, if the governing body of a district placing a measure on the ballot (filer) wishes to have other individuals sign (signer) the argument, they may do so. However, filer’s authorization must be submitted with the argument. The authorization may be in the form of a governing body resolution, minute order or letter signed by the filer(s). Authorization is needed whenever there are signers who are not the filers.

COUNTY MEASURES

The board of supervisors or any member or members of the board, or an individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure, or bona fide association of citizens, or a combination of these voters and associations may file a written argument for or against any county measure.

CITY MEASURES

For measures placed on the ballot by petition, the persons filing an initiative petition pursuant to this article may file a written argument in favor of the ordinance, and the legislative body may submit an argument against the ordinance.

For measures placed on the ballot by the legislative body, the legislative body, or a member or members of the legislative body authorized by that body, or an individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure, or bona fide association of citizens, or a combination of voters and associations, may file a written argument for or against any city measure.

DISTRICT MEASURES

The governing board of the district or any member or members of the board, or any individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure, or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of such voters and associations may file a written argument in favor of or against any measure.

**REQUIRED
STATEMENT TO
ACCOMPANY
ANY ARGUMENT
AND/OR
REBUTTAL TO
ARGUMENT**

Election law requires that all arguments and rebuttals be accompanied by the following form statement, to be signed **by each** proponent and **by each** author, if different, of the argument (EC 9600). This statement is **not** printed in the Voter Information Guide, but is retained in the file with other measure documentation. *Completion of the “Ballot Argument Signature Statement” satisfies this requirement.*

“The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the

(primary/rebuttal)

argument

(in favor of/against)

ballot measure

(name or number)

at the

(title of election)

election for the

(jurisdiction)

to be held on

(date)

hereby state that such argument is

true and correct to the best of

(his/her/their)

knowledge and belief.”

Signed

Date

**SELECTION OF
ARGUMENT TO
APPEAR IN
VOTER
INFORMATION
GUIDE**

One argument in favor of and one argument against any measure will be printed in the Voter Information Guide. If more than one argument in favor of, or more than one argument against any measure is filed with the county elections official within the time prescribed, the county elections official shall select one of the arguments in favor of and one of the arguments against the measure for printing and distribution to the voters. In selecting the argument, the county elections official shall give preference and priority in the following order:

County Measures

1. The Board of Supervisors or a member or members of the board.
2. The individual voter or bona fide association of citizens, or combination of voters and associations, who are the bona fide sponsors or proponents of the measure.
3. Bona fide associations of citizens.
4. Individual voters who are eligible to vote on the measure. (EC 9166)

City Measures:

For measures placed on the ballot by petition the persons filing an initiative petition pursuant to this article may file a written argument in favor of the ordinance, and the legislative body may submit an argument against the ordinance.

For measures placed on the ballot by the legislative body:

1. The legislative body, or a member or members of the legislative body authorized by that body.
2. The individual voter, or bona fide association of citizens, or a combination of voters and associations, who are the bona fide sponsors or proponents of the measure.
3. Bona fide association of citizens.
4. Individual voters who are eligible to vote on the measure. (EC 9287)

School District Measures:

1. The governing board of the district or a member or members of the board.
2. Individual voters who are eligible to vote on the measure
3. Bona fide association of citizens, or combination of voters and associations. (EC 9501)

Special District Measures:

1. The governing board of the district or a member or members of the board.
2. The individual voter or bona fide association of citizens, or combination of voters and associations, who are the bona fide sponsors or proponents of the measure.
3. Bona fide associations of citizens.
4. Individual voters who are eligible to vote on the measure. (EC 9503)

REBUTTALS

When an argument in favor of and an argument against a measure have been selected for publication in the Voter Information Guide, the official responsible for conducting the

election shall send copies of the argument in favor of the measure to the authors of the argument against the measure and copies of the argument against the measure to the authors of the argument in favor of. **The authors may prepare and file the rebuttal argument not exceeding 250 words**, or may authorize in writing any other person or persons to prepare, file or sign the rebuttal argument. Written authorization must specifically designate the name of the substitute signer and must be signed by the original signer. *See Rebuttal Argument Alternate Signer Authorization form*. The rebuttal argument shall be filed with the elections official conducting the election no later than a date designated by the elections official. Words used in the title may not be counted when determining the length of any rebuttal argument. (EC 9167, 9317, 9504)

**CHANGE TO
AND/OR
WITHDRAWAL
OF ARGUMENTS**

Arguments may be changed or withdrawn by their proponents at any time prior to and including the final date fixed by the elections official. (EC 9316, 9601)

If an argument is changed, the newly signed original argument must be completed and filed by the above-mentioned deadline.

If an argument is withdrawn, the withdrawal must be in writing and signed by the Filer and/or Signers and must be filed by the above-mentioned deadline.

**INFORMATION
THAT MUST
ALSO BE FILED
WITH THE
ARGUMENT**

All original arguments and/or rebuttals with original signatures must be filed at the Siskiyou County Clerk's Office by 4:00 p.m. on the applicable deadline. Scanned/emailed documents will be accepted to meet the deadline, however, originals must be mailed to the County Clerk's Office.

A ballot argument shall not be accepted unless accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the person or persons submitting it, or, if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers. No more than five signatures shall appear with any argument. In case any argument is signed by more than five persons, the signatures of the first five shall be printed. (EC 9164) Completing the *Ballot Argument Signature Statement* satisfies this requirement.

In addition to the Ballot Argument Signature Statement, the following information is needed, either printed or typed on a separate piece of paper:

- The printed name of each signer. *
- The address where each of the signers is registered to vote, including the city and zip code.*
- The mailing address of each of the signers (if different from the registered address).*

This information is not printed in the Voter Information Guide. It is needed to verify eligibility and to send any necessary correspondence. **This information is not required to be filed with the rebuttal argument.*

The Ballot Argument Signature Statement, List of Measure Supporters or Opponents to Appear on Ballot Label, Requirements if No List is Submitted, Supporter/Opponent Signer Consent Form will also need to accompany the argument if supporters/opponents are to be or not to be listed on the ballot label. Examples are provided at the end of this guide.

In addition to the original hard copy, submit the argument in WORD format on disk/thumb-drive or via email to laura@sisqvotes.org.

CHALLENGE OF ARGUMENT/ REBUTTAL CONTENTS

There is a 10-calendar day public examination period after the close of both of these filing periods whereby the arguments, rebuttals and impartial analyses may be reviewed and copies obtained for a fee.

During the 10-calendar day public examination period provided for by law, any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, or the county elections official may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted. The writ of mandate or injunction request shall be filed no later than the end of the 10 calendar day public examination period.

A peremptory writ of mandate or an injunction shall be issued only upon clear and convincing proof that the material in question is false, misleading, or inconsistent with the requirement of law, and that issuance of the writ or injunction will not substantially interfere with the printing or distribution of official election materials as provided by law.

The county elections official shall be named as respondent and the person or official who authored the material in question shall be named as real party in interest. In the case of the county elections official bringing the mandamus or injunctive action, the board of supervisors of the county shall be named as the respondent and the person or official who authored the material in question shall be named as the real party in interest.
(EC 9190)

Note: Should this be your course of action, contact the County Clerk's Office immediately at (530) 842-8084. Timelines for Sample Ballot Pamphlet printing are critical at this point. Whatever you choose to do, it must be done as quickly as possible. We will also give you a contact number for County Counsel, who must be notified and can let you know what else they may need.

FORMATTING YOUR ARGUMENT

GUIDELINES – FORM OF SUBMISSION

Arguments are to be submitted in a block paragraph style. Arguments are limited to 300 words and Rebuttals are limited to 250 words. Refer to the “Counting of Words” section on how the word count is determined. The heading and the signature(s) blocks are not included in the word count.

The following statement, as applicable, must be printed as the heading of the argument:

“Argument in Favor of Measure _____”
“Argument Against Measure _____”
“Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure _____”
“Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure _____”

SIGNATURE BLOCKS

The following are examples of suitable signature blocks:

Signed: _____ Date: _____
William T. Smith, Chairman
Better Schools Committee

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Alice Jones
Concerned Citizen

The signatures of the authors of any argument or rebuttal must be identical to the printed name in the signature block. For example, Mr. Smith above needs to sign his name “William T. Smith,” not “Bill Smith.”

DO NOT USE THE FOLLOWING ATTRIBUTES IN THE ARGUMENT:

- Bullets
- Tables
- Other formatting requiring indentation
- Multiple punctuation (examples are: “.....” or “-----” or “!!!”)

You may only capitalize YES or NO once in your Argument or Rebuttal. Such as, “vote YES on Measure A”

Arguments and rebuttals that are not in compliance with these formatting guidelines will be rejected by the elections official. The elections official bears no responsibility for the corrected format of arguments and rebuttals and does not proof for errors.

COUNTING OF WORDS

Elections Code §9 specifies the counting of the number of words submitted on any document whose content is limited by statute:

1. Punctuation is not counted.
2. Each word shall be counted as one word except as specified in this section.
3. All proper nouns, including geographical names shall be considered as one word; for example, “City and County of San Francisco” shall be counted as one word.
4. Each abbreviation for a word, phrase or expression shall be counted as one word.
5. Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary, published in the United States at any time within the 10 calendar years immediately preceding the election for which the words are counted, shall be considered as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word.
6. Dates shall be counted as one word.
7. Any number consisting of a digit or digits shall be considered as one word. Any number which is spelled, such as “one,” shall be considered as a separate word or words. “One” shall be counted as one word, whereas “one hundred” shall be counted as two words. “100” shall be counted as one word.
8. Telephone numbers shall be counted as one word.
9. Internet website addresses shall be counted as one word.

EXAMPLE OF ARGUMENT FORMAT

Argument in Favor of Measure Q

Two years ago, voters strongly supported Measure Q, which created a fair and impartial method of resolving contract disputes between the City of Jefferson and its police officers. The process is called binding arbitration. Recently, over 65,000 Jefferson Citizens signed petitions to extend binding arbitration to our County Deputy Sheriffs. This arbitration procedure will only be used as a last resort, when all other attempts to settle labor contracts between the County and the Deputy Sheriffs have failed.

Here is how arbitration will work: Upon declaration of an impasse, all unresolved issues will be submitted to a three member Board of Arbitrators.

The Board of Arbitrators will be fairly constructed-one representative from the County, one from the Deputy Sheriffs' Association, and a neutral arbitrator who is agreed decision by both sides.

The Board will determine, by majority vote, which of the final positions on each issue is the realistic. Parties will then have ten days to mutually amend the Panel's decision or accept it as final.

Protects Taxpayers: This measure requires that the County's financial condition must be considered as part of any settlement recommendations. The Board of Arbitrators cannot raise taxes or fees. And the Board cannot reduce other County services to fund a Deputies' settlement.

Protects Residents: Public safety will be protected since the Deputies guarantee that under this new law there will be no work stoppage or strikes.

Protects Fairness: Binding arbitration does not favor either side in a labor dispute. It simply recognizes that everyone benefits by ending gridlock and reaching timely, fair out of court conclusions in labor negotiations.

John T. Doe,
Pres. Sacramento County Probation Association

Jane Doe,
Pres. Sacramento County Deputy Sheriffs' Association

Mary L. Smith,
Pres. Sacramento Police Officers Association

William T. Smith,
Small Business Owner

Alice Jones,
Member of the State Assembly from Sacramento

**CAMPAIGN
DISCLOSURE
REQUIREMENTS**

Individuals who support or oppose a ballot measure may form a “committee.” An individual, group of individuals, organization or any other entity is a “committee” if it makes or receives “contributions” or makes “independent expenditures” as defined in the Political Reform Act. Committees are required to file periodic campaign disclosure statements with the appropriate filing officer(s) disclosing contributions received and expenditures made. Types of committees involved with ballot measures include:

Recipient Committees: Individuals and organizations that receive contributions (\$2,000 or more in a calendar year) to support or oppose state or local candidates, or to qualify, support or oppose state or local ballot measures, including initiative, referendum and recall measures (either primarily formed to support or oppose a single candidate or ballot measure, or more than one candidate or measure being voted on in a single election, or general purpose to support or oppose a variety of candidates and/or measures);

Major Donor Committees: Individuals or entities that use their own money (i.e., personal funds, corporate or business funds) to make contributions totaling \$10,000 or more in a calendar year to candidates or to committees supporting or opposing candidates or ballot measures;

Independent Expenditure Committees: Individuals or entities that use their own money to make “independent expenditures” totaling \$1,000 or more in a calendar year to support or oppose candidates or measures (e.g., Jane Brown uses personal funds to send a mailing to voters or to purchase an advertisement supporting a candidate, but she does so independently, not in coordination with the candidate or his or her campaign committee).

Any individual, or group of individuals, who anticipate receiving and/or spending funds to support or oppose a ballot measure, should view the current **Fair Political Practices Commission Information Manual on Campaign Disclosure Provisions of the Political Reform Act** at www.fppc.ca.gov. Forms may also be downloaded from the website. Additionally, there are legal requirements pertaining to “mass mailings.”

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, call the Siskiyou County Clerk’s Office at (530) 842-8084.

Elections Code References:

County Measures §§312, 9100-9190

Municipal (City) Measures §§306, 9200-9295

District Measures §§9300-9380

Bond Issue Measures §§9400-9405

School Measures §§350, 9500-9509

General Provisions applicable to all measures §§9600-9610

CHECK OFF LIST: This list is compiled to assist you in the filing of your argument.

ARGUMENTS:

_____ The original Argument – 300 words maximum, in the required format, containing original signatures, to be filed in the County Clerk’s Office no later than 4 p.m. on the date specified in the Notice of Election

_____ Authorization from Filer (if applicable)

_____ Completed Ballot Argument Signature Statement

_____ Separate piece of paper containing: The printed name of each signer, the address where each signer is registered to vote, including the city and zip code, and the mailing address of each of the signers (if different from the registered address)

_____ Electronic Copy of Argument in WORD format, either on disk/thumb-drive or emailed to Laura Bynum, at laura@sisgvotes.org

REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS:

_____ The original Rebuttal Argument – 250 words maximum, in the required format, containing original signatures, to be filed in the County Clerk’s Office no later than 4 p.m. on the date specified in the Notice of Election

_____ Completed Rebuttal Argument Alternate Signer Authorization Form (if applicable)

_____ Completed Ballot Argument Signature Statement

_____ Electronic Copy of Argument in WORD format, either on disk/thumb-drive or emailed to Laura Bynum, at laura@sisgvotes.org

Ballot Argument Signature Statement

The Siskiyou County Clerk's Office requires this statement be completed and submitted with the argument. Names and titles listed will be printed in the order provided, and will appear as indicated. In addition, no more than 5 names may be printed following the written argument statement in the Voter Information Pamphlet.

Argument/Rebuttal Filed by (Check any of the following that apply)

- ☐ Board of Supervisors or any member(s) of the Board
- ☐ City Council or any member(s) of the Council
- ☐ District Governing Body or any member(s) of the District Governing Body
- ☐ School District Governing Board or any member(s) of the School District Governing Board
- ☐ Proponent(s) of a County, City, School District or District Measure
- ☐ Individual voter who is eligible to vote on the Measure
- ☐ Bona Fide Association of Citizens

Ballot Argument Contact:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Work Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

The undersigned Proponents or Author(s) of the:

- ☐ Argument in Favor of
- ☐ Argument Against
- ☐ Rebuttal to the Argument in Favor of
- ☐ Rebuttal to the Argument Against

Ballot Measure letter _____, to be voted on at the (Primary General or Special) election to be held on _____ in the County of Siskiyou, hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

Each person must clearly print and sign as indicated below. Printing will be in the order as submitted.

	Print Name Clearly	Print Title and Name of Organization	Signature	Date
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

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Pursuant to Elections Code §9170 et seq; supporters or opponents of a local measure shall provide the list of supporters to the elections official when submitting arguments supporting or opposing a measure. For City Measures, this list would need to be submitted to the City Clerk, at the time the argument is presented to the City Clerk. For County Measures, this list would need to be submitted to the County Clerk at the time the argument is presented to the County Clerk. Please refer to Elections Code §9170:

ELECTIONS CODE 9170.

(a) Subject to subdivision (d), the ballot label or similar description of a county, city, district, or school measure on a county ballot shall end with all of the following:

(1) After the text “Supporters:”, a listing of associations, nonprofit organizations, businesses, or individuals taken from the signers or the text of the argument in favor of the measure printed in the voter information guide. The list of supporters shall not exceed 125 characters in length. Each supporter shall be separated by a semicolon. An association, nonprofit organization, business, or individual shall not be listed unless they support the measure.

(2) After the text “Opponents:”, a listing of associations, nonprofit organizations, businesses, or individuals taken from the signers or the text of the argument against the measure printed in the voter information guide. The list of opponents shall not exceed 125 characters in length. Each opponent shall be separated by a semicolon. An association, nonprofit organization, business, or individual shall not be listed unless they oppose the measure.

(3) A supporter or opponent shall not be listed pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2) unless it is one of the following:

(A) An association, nonprofit organization, or business that was not originally created as a committee described in Section 82013 of the Government Code and that has been in existence for at least four years.

(B) A current or former elected official, who may be listed with the official’s title (e.g., “State Senator Mary Smith,” “Assembly Member Carlos Garcia,” or “former Eureka City Council Member Amy Lee”). These titles may be shortened (e.g. “Senator” or “Sen.” for “State Senator” or “Asm.” for “Assembly Member”).

(C) An individual who is not a current or former elected official may be listed only with the individual’s first and last name and an honorific (e.g., “Dr.,” “M.D.,” “Ph.D.,” or “Esquire”), with no other title or designation, unless it is a title representing an association, nonprofit organization, or business that meets the requirements of subparagraph (A) or (B) and that is eligible to be listed under paragraph (1) if the individual supports the measure or under paragraph (2) if the individual opposes the measure.

(4) Spaces, commas, semicolons, and other characters count towards the 125-character limit in paragraphs (1) and (2).

(5) A supporter or opponent shall not be listed pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2) if the supporter or opponent is a political party or is representing a political party.

(6) The name of an association, nonprofit organization, or business included in the list of supporters and opponents as required by this section may be shortened by the proponents or opponents who submit it using acronyms, abbreviations, or by leaving out words in their name, as long as doing so would not confuse voters with another well-known organization or business that did not take the same position on the ballot measure (e.g., “Hot Air Balloon Flyers of Montana Education Fund” may be shortened to “Hot Air Balloons Montana”).

(7) Supporters and opponents listed pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2) shall be added as text after the condensed ballot title and summary, if any, and may be separated by semicolons. Supporters and opponents need not be displayed on separate horizontal lines on the ballot. If no list of supporters is provided by the proponents or there are none that meet the requirements of this section, then "Supporters:" shall be followed by "None submitted." If no list of opponents is provided by the opponents or there are none that meet the requirements of this section, then "Opponents:" shall be followed by "None submitted."

(8) If the ballot emphasizes the text "Supporters:" or "Opponents:" by use of boldface font, underlining, or any other method that differentiates that text from the list of supporters or opponents that follow, the text "Supporters:" or "Opponents:" may be displayed with only the initial letter capitalized. If that text is not emphasized, then each letter of that text shall be capitalized.

(9) If including the list of Supporters and Opponents in the ballot labels as required by this section would necessitate the printing of an extra ballot card compared to the ballot labels not including them, the type size of the part of all of the ballot labels starting with "Supporters:" may be reduced by the minimal amount needed to stop them from necessitating an extra ballot card, as long as the type size is no smaller than 8-point and as long as the type size is reduced by the same amount for all ballot measures.

(b) (1) The proponents of the measure shall provide the list of supporters described in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) to the elections official when submitting arguments supporting the measure.

(A) For every supporter listed that is an association, a nonprofit organization, a business, or an individual whose title includes an association, nonprofit organization, or business, the supporters shall include a signed statement by a representative of the association, nonprofit organization, or business, under penalty of perjury, that includes its name and an address and that attests (i) that the association, nonprofit organization, or business supports the measure, (ii) that the association, nonprofit organization, or business has been in existence for at least four years, and (iii) that it was not originally created as a committee described in Section 82013 of the Government Code.

(B) For every supporter listed that is an individual, the proponents shall include a signed statement by the individual that includes the individual's name and address and attests that the individual supports the measure.

(2) The opponents of the measure shall provide the list of opponents described in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) to the elections official when submitting the arguments opposing the measure.

(A) For every opponent listed that is an association, a nonprofit organization, a business, or an individual whose title includes an association, nonprofit organization or business, the opponents shall include a signed statement by a representative of the association, nonprofit organization or business, under penalty of perjury, that includes its name and an address and that attests (i) that the association, nonprofit organization, or business opposes the measure, (ii) that the association, nonprofit organization, or business has been in existence for at least four years, and (iii) that it was not originally created as a committee described in Section 82013 of the Government Code.

(B) For every opponent listed that is an individual, the opponents shall include a signed statement by the individual that includes the individual's name and address and attests that the opponent opposes the measure.

(3) The elections official that receives the ballot arguments and list of supporters or opponents shall confirm that a submission listing supporters or opponents includes the documentation required by paragraphs (1) and (2) and otherwise meets the requirements of this section. The elections official shall ask the proponents or opponents to resubmit a list if the requirements are not met. The elections official may establish deadlines by when proponents or opponents must resubmit a list.

(c) Within one week of receipt, an elections official that is not a county elections official that administers a city, district, or school election and that receives a list of supporters or opponents for inclusion on the ballot label or similar description shall, after confirming compliance with this section as provided in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), forward that list to the county elections official.

(d) At least 30 days before the deadline for submitting arguments for or against county measures, a county board of supervisors may elect not to list supporters and opponents for county, city, district and school measures on the county ballot and future county ballots.

(1) A county shall not include a list of supporters or opponents for any county, city, district, or school measure if the county does not include a list of supporters or opponents for all measures for which the county receives a list that meets the requirements of this section. If the county elects not to list supporters and opponents for county, city, district, or school measures on the county ballot, the requirements of subdivisions (a) through (c) do not apply.

(2) A district measure or school measure on a county ballot shall not include a list of supporters or opponents if the same district or school measure appears on the ballot of another county that does not include a list of supporters or opponents for the measure, in which case the requirements of subdivisions (a) through (c), inclusive, do not apply for the measure.

(Added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 751, Sec. 7. (AB 1416) Effective January 1, 2023.)

LIST OF MEASURE SUPPORTERS OR OPPONENTS TO APPEAR ON BALLOT LABEL

Assembly Bill 1416 was signed by the Governor and is effective as of January 1, 2023. This legislation allows direct argument signers to provide a list of individuals, associations, nonprofit organizations, or businesses that are signers or are listed within the text of the argument who support or oppose a ballot measure to be listed under the ballot label. If you wish to submit a list of supporters or opponents, please provide a list of names of the individuals, associations, nonprofit organizations, and businesses to be listed as supporters or opponents below.

Every individual, association, nonprofit organization, or business listed as a supporter or opponent must sign the consent form.

Each supporter / opponent shall be separated by a semicolon. An individual, association, nonprofit organization, or business shall not be listed unless they support or oppose the measure and meet the criteria specified in this form.

Any association, nonprofit organization, or business listed as a supporter or opponent (1) must have existed for at least four years, and (2) must not have been originally created as a committee described in Government Code section 82013.

The list of all supporters / opponents may not exceed 125 characters in length. To calculate the 125-character limit, please count spaces between and before names, as well as the semicolon at the end of the name. Use the worksheet below to ensure your character count meets the required criteria.

List of Names [check one]: ☐ Supporters ☐ Opponents

LIST OF INDIVIDUALS, ASSOCIATIONS, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, AND/OR BUSINESSES	# of Characters	GENDER
		☐ masculine / ☐ feminine / ☐ other:
		☐ masculine / ☐ feminine / ☐ other:
		☐ masculine / ☐ feminine / ☐ other:
		☐ masculine / ☐ feminine / ☐ other:
		☐ masculine / ☐ feminine / ☐ other:
GRAND TOTAL (not to exceed 125 characters)	_____	

Initials: _____ I UNDERSTAND, that if I am told that the list of supporters/opponents above and the related consent forms do not meet the requirements of Elections Code 9170, and I do not resubmit the documents, only supporters or opponents who are verified as meeting the requirements of Elections Code 9170 will be printed under the ballot label.

REQUIREMENTS IF NO LIST IS SUBMITTED

If no list of supporters / opponents is provided by the proponents or opponents of the measure, or there are none that meet the requirements of Elections Code § 9170, "Supporters / Opponents" shall be followed by "None Submitted" on the ballot label. Please indicate below that no list will be submitted, as applicable:

- ☐ A list of Supporters will not be submitted by Proponents or Submitter of the argument in favor.
- ☐ A list of Opponents will not be submitted by Proponents or Submitter of the argument against.

BALLOT LABELSUPPORTER/OPPONENT CONSENT FORM(S)

If there is a question or issue with a submission, the County Elections Office will contact the submitter. The submitter is the person who delivers the direct and/or rebuttal arguments, and/or supporting materials to the County Elections Office. Every supporter / opponent, or representative of a supporter / opponent, must sign a consent form in order to be included in the ballot label. You must submit with your list of supporters or opponents a signed consent from every supporter or opponent. A consent form is included below. You may use as many copies of the consent form as needed to cover every supporter or opponent listed.

SUPPORTER / OPPONENT SIGNER CONSENT FORM

Note: if an individual uses the name of an association, nonprofit organization, or business in their title to be included in the list of supporters or opponents, a representative of that association, nonprofit organization, or business must complete this consent form. The individual supporter/opponent and the representative may be the same person if appropriate.

If no representative of the organization or business completes this form, individuals may only use an honorific (e.g. "Dr.," "M.D.," "Ph.D.," or "Esquire") and no title that includes an organization or business name.

This individual OR association, nonprofit organization, or business:

☐ Supports or ☐ Opposes the measure.

[If an association, nonprofit organization, or business is listed as a supporter/opponent or used in an individual's title]

This association, nonprofit organization, or business:

☐ Has been in existence for at least four years.

☐ Was not originally created as a committee described in Government Code § 82013.

Full name of individual OR representative of association, nonprofit organization, or business

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Under penalty of perjury, I attest the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Rebuttal Argument Alternate Signer Authorization Form

Any original Author(s) who wishes to allow someone else to sign the Rebuttal Argument in the place of an original signer must authorize in writing on the form below.

The following person(s) is/are authorized to sign rebuttal to the:

☐ Argument in Favor of

☐ Argument Against

Ballot Measure letter _____ for the election to be held on _____
(Date of Election)

One or more people who signed the argument may be replaced with other people to sign the Rebuttal Argument:

Please print clearly:

1. _____ to sign instead of _____

Name of rebuttal signerName of argument signer

2. _____ to sign instead of _____

Name of rebuttal signerName of argument signer

3. _____ to sign instead of _____

Name of rebuttal signerName of argument signer

4. _____ to sign instead of _____

Name of rebuttal signerName of argument signer

5. _____ to sign instead of _____

Name of rebuttal signerName of argument signer

Author's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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