

# GUIDELINES FOR FILING ARGUMENTS AND REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS FOR BALLOT MEASURES

#### **ARGUMENTS**

- Arguments must be filed with the County Clerk/Registrar of Voters office with original signatures by 5:00 p.m., by the date set for arguments. Arguments for or against are limited to 300 words. The word limit does not include the title or signature lines. The County Clerk sets the deadline; check with our office for the exact date.
- Email an electronic version of the argument in Microsoft Word format to <u>clerk-elections@fresnocountyca.gov</u>.
- All arguments must include a statement required pursuant to Elections Code § 9600 (See "Declaration by Author(s) of Arguments or Rebuttals" sample below.
- All arguments are printed as filed. The County Clerk is not responsible for correcting spelling, grammar, or punctuation.
- Only one argument for and one argument against each measure will be printed. If more than one is filed, the County Clerk will choose the arguments to be printed on the ballot based on the order of preference as stated in the Elections Code.
- No more than 5 signatures shall appear with any argument submitted.

#### **REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS**

- Rebuttal arguments are limited to 250 words. Rebuttal arguments must be filed with the
  County Clerk/Registrar of Voters by 5:00 p.m. no later than a date designated by the
  elections official. Please provide the Rebuttal Arguments via email to clerkelections@fresnocountyca.gov in Microsoft Word format.
- If the Rebuttal Argument is submitted by signers other than the original signers of the
  argument, the rebuttal argument must be accompanied by an authorization form (available
  below).



### DECLARATION BY AUTHOR(S) OF ARGUMENTS OR REBUTALS

(E.C. §9600)

All arguments concerning measures filed pursuant to Division 9 of the Elections Code shall be accompanied by the following declaration to be signed by each author of the argument/rebuttal. Names and titles will be printed in the Voter Pamphlet portion of the County Voter Information Guide in the order provided below.

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The undersigned author(s) of the:	□Argument Against	nt Against □Rebuttal to Argument Aga		
of ballot measure		at the		
(N	lame and/or Letter)		(Title of Election)	
for the(Jurisdiction)	to be h	eld on	hereby state that this	
argument is true and correct to the	e best of his/her/their k	nowledge and belief.		
1.				
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(Title to Appear on A	(Title to Appear on Argument) (Date)		)	
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IMPORTANT FILING INFORMAT	ION: I,	·	am the	
designated filer of the above titled Below is my contact information.	(Printed I d argument/rebuttal.		ignature) ny questions pertaining to this filin	
·	Address: E-Mail Address:			
Contact Numbers: Daytir	me	Evening .	Fax	



## Authorization for Another Person or Persons to Sign Rebuttal Argument Form

sign the rebuttal to the argument  In favor of Check one: Against  Measure	I,	authorize the following person to	
In favor of   Against	(Print name of filer of the original argument)		
Check one:    Against	sign the rebuttal to the argument		
Against  Measure			
Choose one of the Following:  In place of	☐ Against		
Choose one of the Following:  In place of	Measure for the	election.	
□ In place of	(Letter) (Election	on Date)	
(Printed Name of Rebuttal Signer)  (Title to Appear on Rebuttal)  (Date)  (Printed Name of Rebuttal Signer)  (Printed Name of Rebuttal Signer)  (Signature of Rebuttal Signer)  (Signature of Rebuttal Signer)  (Date)  (Title to Appear on Rebuttal)  (Date)  (Date)  Please remember, no more than five signatures will be included with any argument. The total of direct argument signers, replaced signers and new rebuttal signers must be no more than five.  E.C. §§9164, 9285, 9501.5	Choose one of the Following:		
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