

CITY OF VALLEJO

NOTICE OF SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURES FOR THE FILING OF BALLOT ARGUMENTS FOR MEASURE

(City of Vallejo Safe Streets and Essential Services Measure) NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Notice is given that at the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 in the City of Vallejo there will be submitted to the voters the following measure:

Table with 2 columns: Measure description and YES/NO options. The measure text is: 'City of Vallejo Safe Streets and Essential Services Measure. To maintain critical city services, such as keeping public spaces healthy/safe/clean; maintaining fire protection/emergency medical response/crime prevention; addressing homelessness/blight/dumping; repairing deteriorating neighborhood streets/roads/sidewalks; and for general government use; shall the City of Vallejo adopt a measure establishing a 0.875% sales tax, providing \$18,000,000 annually until ended by voters, requiring audits, independent citizen oversight, and all funds legally required to be spent locally?'

The complete text of the measure is available from the City Clerk.

Schedules

The deadline for filing Primary Arguments for or against the ballot measure closes at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 19, 2022. (Elections Code section 9286 & 10400)

The deadline for filing Rebuttal Arguments closes at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23, 2022. (Elections Code section 9285)

The Measure, the City Attorney’s impartial analysis, or primary argument filed will be available for public examination in the City Clerk’s Office for not less than ten calendar days from the deadline for the filing of the arguments and analyses. The deadline for public examination of arguments for and against the measure is August 28, 2022. Any rebuttal argument filed will be available for public examination in the City Clerk’s office for not less than ten calendar days from the deadline for filing rebuttal arguments. The deadline for public examination of rebuttals for or against the measure is August 31, 2022. (Elections Code section 9285, 9286, 9295)

Place to File

All primary and rebuttal arguments, along with the required appropriate signature forms must be emailed to the City Clerk at dawn.abrahamson@cityofvallejo.net by the deadline dates above. In addition, the original hard copies containing the appropriate original “wet” signatures MUST be submitted to the City Clerk within 48 hours of transmission or the item(s) will not be considered as filed (weekends and holidays excepted). Electronic submission must be started prior to 5:00 p.m. on deadline dates to be accepted as filed. Post marks are not accepted.

Two ways to submit hard copies containing original signatures:

- 1) Contact the City Clerk at dawn.abrahamson@cityofvallejo.net to arrange for an appointment to submit the hard copies.
- 2) Place in City Clerk/City Attorney Mailbox located directly outside of City Hall at 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo. Please contact the City Clerk via email once the originals have been placed in the Mailbox.

Procedures

Primary Arguments for or against ballot measures shall not exceed 300 words in length. Rebuttal Arguments for or against ballot measures shall not exceed 250 words in length. (*Elections Code section 9282, 9285*). The word count will be determined using the standards set forth in Elections Code Section 9.

If more than one argument is submitted on the measure, the City Clerk shall select the argument and shall give preference, in the order named, to arguments of the following:

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

If more than one argument from the same level of standing is submitted, the authors will be asked to witness a random drawing by a designee of the City Clerk to determine which argument will be published.

Each ballot argument must be 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. (*Elections Code section 9283*)

The Elections Code does not define “bona fide association of citizens” nor does it state who may be a member, or if any, or all of the members must live in the jurisdiction that is voting on the measure. Similarly, the Code does not require that the signors of the argument, when filed by a bona fide association of citizens, must reside or be registered to vote in the jurisdiction that is voting on the measure. In order to be considered a “bona fide association” for filing an argument, the organization or association must submit one of the following: a) articles of incorporation, articles of association, partnership documents, bylaws, or similar documents, b) a Form 410 Statement of Organization establishing the group or organization as a primarily formed ballot measure committee to support or oppose the measure; or c) letterhead with the name of the organization and its principal officers. (*Elections Code section 9287*)

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. (*Elections Code section 9283*) The author or a majority of the authors of the argument may prepare and submit a rebuttal argument or may authorize in writing any other person or persons to prepare, submit, or sign the rebuttal argument. (*Elections Code section 9285*)

A **Signature Statement Form, Exhibit A**, must be submitted to the City Clerk along with the text of the argument. (*Elections Code section 9600*) If the author(s) designate someone to sign the rebuttal argument in place of the author, the **Release for Rebuttal Arguments Form, Exhibit B**, must be submitted to the City Clerk along with the text of the rebuttal argument. A **Consent Form, Exhibit C**, must be submitted in order to use the name of an individual or organization within the text of the argument.

The City Clerk, upon receipt of arguments and after the filing deadline, will immediately transmit copies to any known opposing parties who may then submit rebuttals within the time period shown above.

Arguments may be changed or withdrawn up to the filing deadline. If an argument is changed, it must be re-submitted and accompanied by an original signed withdrawal request letter. All of the signers will need to sign the copy with changes. The revised document must be filed by the deadline and per the instructions found on Page 1-Place to File. Arguments received prior to the deadline are confidential until the deadline. (*Elections Code section 9286 & 9601*)

Only those person(s) whose argument has been selected by the City Clerk in accordance with Elections Code section 9287 may file a rebuttal argument. If the author(s) designate someone to sign the rebuttal argument in place of the author, both the signer of the argument and the signer of the rebuttal argument must sign and submit the Release for Rebuttal Arguments Form, Exhibit B, to the City Clerk along with the rebuttal argument. (*Elections Code section 9285*)

Arguments and rebuttals must be typed or printed from a computer. Hand written arguments will not be accepted. If prepared on a computer, the argument should also be submitted in an electronic format as prescribed by the City Clerk.

For submittal of all primary and rebuttal arguments, please refer to the instructions found on Page 1, highlighted in yellow. For additional information contact the City Clerk at dawn.abrahamson@cityofvallejo.net

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HOW TO WRITE YOUR ARGUMENT, REBUTTAL ARGUMENT OR ANALYSIS

- ✦ Be accurate. *Documents will be printed as submitted.* Spelling, punctuation, and grammatical errors will **not** be corrected by elections department staff.
- ✦ LIMITED use of **bolding**, CAPITALIZING, underlining, *italics*, centering text, and bullets (small solid circle only) are permitted. **Multiple punctuation is NOT excepted (examples !!!! or "----")**
The format for Arguments & Rebuttals is not the same as the candidate statement guidelines.
- ✦ An argument, rebuttal argument, analysis or tax rate statement must be written to address a single measure on the ballot. A document combining statements pertaining to more than one measure will not be accepted.
- ✦ All arguments and rebuttal arguments must be accompanied by a signature statement. See attached. *EC § 9600*
- ✦ No more than five signatures will appear with any argument. If more than five are submitted, the first five will be printed. *EC §§ 9164, 9501*
- ✦ Arguments, rebuttal arguments, analyses and tax rate statements, including the names and titles of the signers, must be typed to ensure quality and accuracy. Submit information typed, upper and lower case with single spacing.
- ✦ Do not use profanity or other offensive language.
- ✦ The heading is standardized. Subheadings and deviations from the standardized heading will not be accepted.
- ✦ Arguments, rebuttal arguments, analyses and tax rate statements are printed in the Voter's Information Pamphlet.

IMPORTANT – Arguments and rebuttals that are not in compliance will be rejected by the elections official. The elections official bears no responsibility for the correct format of arguments and rebuttals and **does not proof for errors..** Once submitted and filed they cannot be changed.

HOW TO COUNT WORDS

(Pursuant to Elections Code § 9)

Each word is counted as one word except:

PUNCTUATION: Punctuation is not counted.

TITLES: Words used in the title of the document, such as "Argument in Favor of Measure A" are not counted. Signatures of the authors are not counted.

CITIES/COUNTIES: All geographical names shall be counted as one word. Areas that have political boundaries with an elected or appointed board are considered geographic areas by this office. For example, "County of Solano" and "Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District" shall each be counted as one word.

ABBREVIATIONS: Each abbreviation for a word, phrase, or expression shall be counted as one word.

HYPHENATIONS: Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available dictionary shall be considered as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word.

DATES: Dates consisting of a combination of words and digits shall be counted as two words. Dates consisting of only a combination of digits shall be counted as one word. January 1, 2003 shall be counted as two words, whereas 1/1/03 shall be counted as one word.

NUMBERS: Any number consisting of a digit or digits shall be considered as one word. Any number that is spelled shall be considered as a separate word. "100" shall be counted as one word, whereas "one hundred" shall be counted as two words.

PHONE, INTERNET: Web site addresses and telephone numbers shall be counted as one word.

CHARACTERS, ETC: It is department policy to count numbers consisting of a digit or digits used with a dollar sign (\$), cent sign (¢), percentage sign (%), or number sign (#) as one word.

PROPER NOUNS / GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES: Examples are: Solano County and/or Travis Unified School District are counted as one word.

SIGNATURE STATEMENT PAGE ONE

All arguments/rebuttal arguments concerning measures shall be accompanied by this form to be signed by each author(s). Author(s) names and titles listed will be listed and printed in the Voter's Information Pamphlet in the order provided below and will appear as indicated below.

The undersigned author(s) of the:

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR
300 WORDS
ARGUMENT AGAINST
300 WORDS

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR
250 WORDS
REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST
250 WORDS

Ballot measure letter _____ at the _____
Name of election

Election for the _____
Jurisdiction - name of district

to be held on _____ Election Date
hereby state that such argument
is true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

1) _____ 20_____
Signature of individual voter eligible to vote Residence address (for verification purposes) Date

Print Name to appear in voter's pamphlet Are you signing on behalf of association or governing board? YES or NO

(Optional) Print title to appear below name
2) _____ 20_____
Signature of individual voter eligible to vote Residence address (for verification purposes) Date

Print Name to appear in voter's pamphlet Are you signing on behalf of association or governing board? YES or NO

(Optional) Print title to appear before name
3) _____ 20_____
Signature of individual voter eligible to vote Residence address (for verification purposes) Date

Print Name to appear in voter's pamphlet Are you signing on behalf of association or governing board? YES or NO

(Optional) Print title to appear before name
4) _____ 20_____
Signature of individual voter eligible to vote Residence address (for verification purposes) Date

Print Name to appear in voter's pamphlet Are you signing on behalf of association or governing board? YES or NO

(Optional) Print title to appear before name
5) _____ 20_____
Signature of individual voter eligible to vote Residence address (for verification purposes) Date

Print Name to appear in voter's pamphlet Are you signing on behalf of association or governing board? YES or NO

(Optional) Print title to appear before name

IF SIGNING ON BEHALF OF A GOVERNING BOARD OR BONA FIDE ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS YOU MUST COMPLETE PAGE 2
FILER NAME, ADDRESS & PHONE# _____

SIGNATURE STATEMENT PAGE TWO

(Elections Code Section 9600)

CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING & RECORD LETTER OF MEASURE

- Argument in favor of measure Rebuttal to argument in favor of measure
 Argument against measure Rebuttal to argument against measure

ARGUMENTS and/or REBUTTALS FILED BY (Check any of the following that apply:

Board of Supervisors or Governing Board
Contact Person's Printed Name _____
Contact Person's Signature _____
Title _____
Phone # _____ Fax# _____ E-mail _____

The following information is submitted by the filers(s) to establish that the organization or group is a Bona Fide Association of Citizens:

Bona Fide Association of Citizens or Filers of Special District Initiative
Name of Association: _____
Principal Officer's Printed Name _____
Principal Officer's Signature _____
Title _____
Phone# _____ Fax# _____ E-mail _____

A Form 410 Statement of Organization – establishing the group or organization as a Primarily Formed Ballot Measure committee to support or oppose Measure _____ was filed on _____ Committee I.D.# _____ (The Form 410 must be filed within 10 days of the date the committee receives \$2000.00 in contributions)

The organization meets on a regular basis. Meetings are held at _____ at the following schedule _____.

Other information that would support the claim that the group or organization is a Bona Fide Association, rather than a group of individuals who support or oppose Measure _____

Contact person name & phone# _____

New - Senate bill 665 requires an organization or association submitting an argument for or against a measure to submit additional information to enable the elections office to determine if the organization qualifies as a bona fide association of citizens.

AUTHORIZATION FOR ANOTHER PERSON(S) TO SIGN REBUTTAL ARGUMENT

TO BE COMPLETED BY INITIAL ARGUMENT SIGNERS ONLY IF REBUTTAL ARGUMENT IS TO BE SIGNED BY DIFFERENT AUTHORS

The undersigned author(s) of the argument

In Favor of

Against

Measure _____ at the _____ election to be
Letter Name of election

Held on _____ authorize(s) the following individual(s) to sign
Date of election

The rebuttal argument in his/her/their place:

One or more people who signed the argument may be replaced with different people to sign the rebuttal argument)

1) _____ to sign instead of _____
PRINT NAME OF REBUTTAL SIGNER SIGNATURE OF ARGUMENT SIGNER DATE

2) _____ to sign instead of _____
PRINT NAME OF REBUTTAL SIGNER SIGNATURE OF ARGUMENT SIGNER DATE

3) _____ to sign instead of _____
PRINT NAME OF REBUTTAL SIGNER SIGNATURE OF ARGUMENT SIGNER DATE

4) _____ to sign instead of _____
PRINT NAME OF REBUTTAL SIGNER SIGNATURE OF ARGUMENT SIGNER DATE

5) _____ to sign instead of _____
PRINT NAME OF REBUTTAL SIGNER SIGNATURE OF ARGUMENT SIGNER DATE

Attach this form to the two page "Signature Statement" submitted with the rebuttal argument