

Arguments and Rebuttal Arguments for or Against a Ballot Measure (Elections Code §§ 9282, 9283, 9285, 9286, 9287, 9600, 9601)

City Council to Determine Who May File the Arguments on Behalf of the City

Who may submit an argument:

1. The City Council;
2. Member or members of the City Council authorized by the City Council;
3. Individual voter;
4. Bona fide association of citizens; or
5. Combination of voters and associations.

Length of Arguments

Primary argument no more than 300 words.

Rebuttal argument no more than 250 words.

Heading of Argument (by City Clerk)

“Arguments in support or opposition of the proposed laws are the opinions of the authors.”

Title of Argument(s)

“Argument in Favor of Measure _____” or “Argument against Measure _____.” Fill in the blank spaces with the letter or number designating the measure.

Printed Name and Signature

A ballot argument must have:

1. Printed name and signature of the author(s) submitting it.
2. If submitted by an organization, the name of the organization and printed name and signature of at least one principal officer.
3. No more than **five (5)** signatures

Rebuttal Arguments

1. Author or majority of authors of an argument may prepare and submit a rebuttal argument
2. Author or majority of authors may authorize **in writing** another person to prepare, submit, and sign the rebuttal argument.
3. Filed no later than 10 days after final filing date for primary arguments.
4. Signed by no more than **five (5)** persons.

Statement to Accompany Arguments (may be on separate page)

This statement must be signed by each proponent **and** by each author, if author is different than proponent.

The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the argument [*in favor or against*] ballot proposition [*name or number*] at the [*general or special municipal*] election for the City of Arcata to be held on [*date of election*] hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of (his/her/their) knowledge and belief.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Withdrawal of Arguments

Arguments may be withdrawn up to and including final filing date.

City Clerk (Elections Official)

1. Determine final filing dates of arguments.
2. If more than one argument submitted for or against a measure, Elections Official to choose one based on the order established in Elections Code section 9287.