

**CITY OF OAKLAND
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
ARGUMENT AND REBUTTAL INFORMATION SHEET**

The Oakland City Council approved the call of an election and authorized the following ballot measures to be placed before the electorate of the City of Oakland:

Resolution No. 89982 C.M.S., passed on November 7, 2023 - RESOLUTION ON THE CITY COUNCIL'S OWN MOTION SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS AT THE MARCH 5, 2024 SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024-25 THROUGH 2027-28 TO ALLOW THE CITY TO EXPEND FUNDS COLLECTED FROM TWELVE VOTER-APPROVED GENERAL AND SPECIAL TAX BALLOT MEASURES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, PARAMEDIC SERVICES, LIBRARY SERVICES, PUBLIC SAFETY AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION SERVICES, HOMELESS SERVICES, CHILDREN'S SERVICES, PARKS AND RECREATION, THE OAKLAND ZOO AND OTHER LAWFUL GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSES;

DIRECT ARGUMENTS

Direct Arguments for or against measures that will be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Oakland at the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, are due for filing in the Office of the City Clerk no later than **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20, 2023** specifically for the above-referenced ballot measures. Direct Arguments cannot exceed three hundred (300) words.

REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9285 when the arguments for and against the measure have been selected, the City Clerk shall provide a copy of the argument in favor to the author of the argument against and a copy of the argument against to the author of the argument in favor. The authors may then prepare rebuttal arguments. Rebuttal arguments cannot exceed two hundred and fifty (250) words. Rebuttal arguments are due for filing in the Office of the City Clerk no later than **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 27, 2023**.

Each argument and rebuttal must be accompanied by the printed name and signature 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 on the form provided by the City Clerk. No more than five (5) names/signatures will be printed with the argument or rebuttal.

ARGUMENT/REBUTTAL SIGNATURES

Each argument and rebuttal must be accompanied by the printed name and signature of the person(s) 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 on the attached form provided by the City Clerk. No more than five signatures/names will be printed with the argument or rebuttal. Please note that if an original author is submitting the rebuttal they must also sign the rebuttal in the same manner as the argument.

REBUTTAL RELEASE FORM

If the authors of an argument want to have other people sign the rebuttal, then the attached Rebuttal Release Form must be completed and signed by the original authors and submitted with the rebuttal argument.

SELECTION OF ARGUMENT AND REBUTTAL

Elections Code Section 9287 provides that if more than one argument for or against a measure is received, the City Clerk shall select one of the arguments in favor and one of the arguments against and give preference and priority according to the following order:

1. The legislative body or member/members of the legislative body as authorized by that body

2. The individual voter, bona fide association of citizens or the combination 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

The Elections Code does not define “bona fide association of citizens” nor has the Secretary of State provided a definition to this term. **To be considered a bona fide association**, the group must provide one of the following, submitted with the argument: a) Articles of Incorporation or By Laws, b) Form 410 Statement of Organization, or c) Letterhead with the organization’s name and the names of its principal officers. If only one bona fide association of citizens submits an argument, that argument would take priority over arguments submitted by individual voters.

If more than one bona fide association of citizens has submitted an argument, the following criteria will be taken into consideration for purposes of argument selection:

- a. The length of time the association has been in existence
- b. Whether the association’s memberships consists of primarily Oakland residents; and
- c. The number of members enrolled in the association

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at electionservices@oaklandca.gov

CITY OF OAKLAND
DECLARATION BY AUTHOR(S) OF ARGUMENTS OR REBUTTALS
(Election Code Section 9600)

The undersigned author(s) of the
_____ Argument in Favor
_____ Rebuttal to Argument in Favor
_____ Argument Against
_____ Rebuttal to Argument Against
of ballot measure _____ at the General Municipal Election for the City of Oakland
(Name, Number, or Letter)
to be held on **Tuesday, March 5, 2024** hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of
his/her/their knowledge and belief:

1. _____
(Printed Name) _____ (Signature) _____ (Date)

(Title to Appear on Argument)
2. _____
(Printed Name) _____ (Signature) _____ (Date)

(Title to Appear on Argument)
3. _____
(Printed Name) _____ (Signature) _____ (Date)

(Title to Appear on Argument)
4. _____
(Printed Name) _____ (Signature) _____ (Date)

(Title to Appear on Argument)
5. _____
(Printed Name) _____ (Signature) _____ (Date)

(Title to Appear on Argument)

***ALSO, TYPE NAMES & TITLES IN THE ORDER YOU WISH THEM TO APPEAR BELOW
THE TEXT OF THE ARGUMENT. SEE SAMPLE ON LAST PAGE***
IMPORTANT: Indicate below the name of person to contact and/or receive correspondence.

Name _____ Address _____ Zip Code _____

Phone No. _____ Email Address: _____

CITY OF OAKLAND
RELEASE FOR REBUTTAL ARGUMENT

IF someone other than the original author(s) of the argument in favor or the argument against is signing the rebuttal argument, this release form must be completed and filed with the rebuttal argument.

The undersigned author(s) who submitted the original argument (in favor of/or against) Measure _____ to be voted on at the City of Oakland General Municipal Election to be held on **March 5, 2024** authorize the following individuals to sign the rebuttal argument in their place:

NEW SIGNERS

1. _____ 2. _____
(Printed Name) *(Printed Name)*

3. _____ 4. _____
(Printed Name) *(Printed Name)*

5. _____
(Printed Name)

ORIGINAL SIGNERS

1. _____ _____ _____
(Printed Name) *(Signature)* *(Date)*

2. _____ _____ _____
(Printed Name) *(Signature)* *(Date)*

3. _____ _____ _____
(Printed Name) *(Signature)* *(Date)*

4. _____ _____ _____
(Printed Name) *(Signature)* *(Date)*

5. _____ _____ _____
(Printed Name) *(Signature)* *(Date)*

IMPORTANT: Indicate below the name of person to contact and/or receive correspondence.

Name _____ Address _____ Zip Code _____

Phone No. _____ Email Address: _____

WORD COUNT STANDARDS FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS AND MEASURES

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|---|-------------------|
| Punctuation | Not Counted |
| Single Character (I, a, %, \$, &) | One |
| Dictionary Words | One |
| Abbreviation/Acronyms | One |
| Geographical Names | One |
| Streets, Bridges | One for each word |
| Names of Areas (Bay Area, East Bay) | One for each word |
| Names of School Districts and Special Districts | One |
| All other Proper Names | One |
| Telephone numbers, email/website addresses | One |
| Whole Numbers: | |
| Digits | One |
| Spelled out | One for each word |
| Dates: | |
| Digits | One |
| Words + Digits | One |
| Hyphenated words in dictionary | One |
| Hyphenated words not hyphenated in dictionary | One for each part |

