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Ballot Measure Primary Argument Submission Form

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Word count limit for Primary Arguments = 300 words

Ballot Measure _____ for the General Municipal Election to be held on Nov. 3, 2026

☐ Primary Argument in Favor of ☒ Primary Argument Against

This argument is submitted by (check ONLY ONE):

☐	The County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors or the Governing Body of a School District or Special District Name of Governing Body: Contact Person's Printed Name: Phone: _____ Email: _____
☐	Member(s) of the County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors or the Governing Body of a School District or Special District Name of Governing Body: Contact Person's Printed Name: Phone: _____ Email: _____
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☐	Individual Voters Eligible to Vote on the Measure Contact Person's Printed Name: Phone: _____ Email: _____
☐	Combination of Voters and Associations Contact Person's Printed Name: Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Please complete the reverse side of this form.

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Primary Argument Signers Form			Author	Verified
No more than five signatures shall appear with any argument. If more than five signatures are submitted, the first five listed shall be printed. Names and titles listed will be printed in the order that they are listed below. Place a checkmark in the author column if the signer is the author of the argument. A signer can only list one title. Honorifics such as M.D., Dr., Esquire, etc. with a name are not accepted. If the signers are part of a bona fide association, there is no requirement that they be eligible to vote on the measure. However, for each such signing individual, the title under the signer's name must list the name of that bona fide association and may include their position within that association. By signing below, the undersigned state that they have read the argument and believe it not to be false or misleading. Type information clearly.			Check if the signer is the author of the argument. Authors must be signers.	(FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY) Staff check once the eligibility of the signer is verified.
1.	Name: Mark W.A. Hinkle Phone: [REDACTED] Address: [REDACTED] Signature: [REDACTED]	Title: SILICON VALLEY President: TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION Email: [REDACTED] Date: 8/8/26	☒	☒
2.	Name: Phone: Address: Signature:	Title: Email: Date:	☐	☐
3.	Name: Phone: Address: Signature:	Title: Email: Date:	☐	☐
4.	Name: Phone: Address: Signature:	Title: Email: Date:	☐	☐
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Submit a second form (this side only) for alternate signers attached to this form and the argument.

Argument Against
East Palo Alto \$125,000,000 Bond Issue, Measure __

start [When voters are asked to go into debt with bond measures like Measure __, what are they saying? They are admitting that everything in the current budget is more important than the projects listed in this ballot measure.

Budgets reflect priorities. Actions speak louder than words: every tax dollar spent today is going to something they consider a higher priority than "replacing deteriorating water pipes to provide safe/ clean drinking water" and "constructing a Library."

Do you agree?

A bond is much like a mortgage. When you buy a home, truth in lending laws mandate that banks must tell the real cost (the loan amount AND 30 years of interest payments).

\$125,000,000 could cost us \$250,000,000 or more (depending on the interests' rates).

Shouldn't consumer protection laws apply to bond debt too? We deserve to know the full truth about Measure __. We don't even know when this debt will begin, nor what market interest rate will be, when it does.

Shouldn't consumer protection laws apply to bond measures? Taxpayers deserve all the full facts. We do not know when this debt will begin, or what the market interest rate will be at that time.

Which is more important to you?

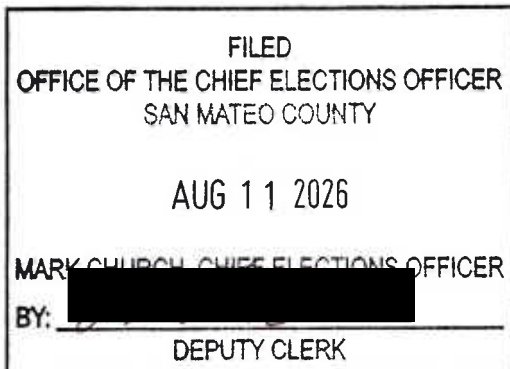
1. *Paying for essential safety repairs now, by using dollars already in the budget.*
2. *Sending new tax dollars -- in the form of principal and interest payments -- to big banks, investment brokers, and other wealthy people, for use in tax shelters.*

Is #2 really the best use of our taxes?

If you value clean drinking water more than funding tax shelters with tax free bonds, vote NO on Measure __.

If you value clean water more than making interest payments for 25 years, vote NO on Measure __.

More information, www.SVTaxpayers.org] end



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