

BALLOT ARGUMENT STATEMENT FORM

Elections Code Section 9600

DEC 15 2023

[Signature]
City of Grass Valley
125 E. Main St

All arguments concerning measures filed pursuant to California Elections Code Division 9, commencing with Section 9000, shall be accompanied by the following form statement, to be signed by each proponent and by each author, if different, of the argument:

The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the Primary (primary/rebuttal to)

argument in favor ballot proposition Measure B
(in favor of/against) (name or number)

at the Primary Election (title of election)

for the City of Grass Valley (jurisdiction)

to be held on March 5, 2023 hereby state that such (date of election)

argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.
(his/her/their)

Signed [Redacted] Date 12/12/23

Printed name Bob Branstrom Title Grass Valley City Council Member

Signed [Redacted] Date 12/12/23

Printed name Hilary Hodge Title Grass Valley City Council Member

Signed [Redacted] Date 12/12/23

Printed name JANET ARBUCKLE Title MAYOR CITY OF GRASS VALLEY

Signed [Redacted] Date 12/12/23

Printed name Haven Caravelli Title grass valley city council member

Signed [Redacted] Date 12/15/23

Printed name Thomas J Ivy Title Grass Valley City Council

AUTHOR INFORMATION

Signed [Redacted] Date 12/12/23

Printed name Janet ARBUCKLE Title MAYOR CITY OF GRASS VALLEY

Mailing Address [Redacted]

In addition to inclusion in the county voter information guide, pursuant to Elections Code section 9170, a list of supporters and opponents of local ballot measures shall be printed on the ballot, unless a statutory exception applies.

The printed list may include an association, a nonprofit organization, a business, or an individual.

If an association, nonprofit, or business, Nevada County Elections requires a signed statement from a representative of that entity, under penalty of perjury, that includes its name and an address and that attests (i) that the association, nonprofit organization, or business supports the measure, (ii) that the association, nonprofit organization, or business has been in existence for at least four years, and (iii) that it was not originally created as a committee described in Section 82013 of the Government Code. Proponents or opponents that are entities may shorten their names using acronyms, abbreviations, or by leaving out words in their name, as long as doing so would not confuse voters with another well-known organization or business that did not take the same position on the ballot measure.

If an individual, current or former elected officials may be listed with the official's title (e.g., "State Senator Mary Smith," "Assembly Member Carlos Garcia," or "former Eureka City Council Member Amy Lee"). These titles may be shortened (e.g. "Senator" or "Sen." for "State Senator" or "Asm." for "Assembly Member"). An individual who is not a current or former elected official may be listed only with the individual's first and last name and an honorific (e.g., "Dr.," "M.D.," "Ph.D.," or "Esquire"), with no other title or designation, unless it is a title representing an association, nonprofit organization, or business that meets the above requirements.

A supporter or opponent shall not be listed if the supporter or opponent is a political party or is representing a political party.

The list of supporters or opponents may not exceed 125 characters, including spaces and semicolons.

Supporter/Opponent Name and Title	Character Count <i>(Elections staff only)</i>
Clayton Thomas, President of the Nevada County Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 3800	10 88
Grass Valley City Council	10 25
	10 113

Total (may not exceed 125)

Taylor Day

From: cthomas@local3800.com
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 3:21 PM
To: Taylor Day
Subject: Measure B

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Hi Taylor,

I agree with the language for the yes argument on Measure B. Please include my signature as below.

Kindly,

Clayton Thomas
President
Nevada County Professional Firefighters
IAFF Local 3800



Argument in Favor of Measure ____

Grass Valley 3/8-Cent (0.375%) Sales Tax

Measure __ will fund FIREFIGHTERS, WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION, and VEGETATION MANAGEMENT for Grass Valley. It will prepare Grass Valley for wildfire to protect our people and our City by funding fire fighters, evacuation planning, vegetation management, and grants to homeowners to make our community more safe.

Recent years have seen horrific wildfires around California, destroying the Town of Paradise and its neighboring communities, and damaging homes and businesses from San Diego to Santa Rose to Redding. We know Grass Valley is vulnerable. We live among trees stressed by drought and bark beetle. We have Gold Rush-era roads that make evacuation difficult. We have many trees that have not been maintained for years on both private and public property. Measure __ allows us to do something about it. It will raise the Grass Valley sales tax by a 3/8-cent (0.375%) to fund investments to protect our community and would be the same sales tax rate charged in Nevada City if their tax on this ballot passes. We'll pay it, but so will people who live outside Grass Valley but shop, work, and play here — so they pay their fair share to protect the town that they rely on. It sunsets in 7 years. There will be yearly independent audits and a Citizens Oversight Committee.

This is our chance to work as a community to address increased wildfire risk. VOTE YES TO REDUCE GRASS VALLEY'S FIRE RISK!

Elections Code § 9170.

(a) Subject to subdivision (d), the ballot label or similar description of a county, city, district, or school measure on a county ballot shall end with all of the following:

(1) After the text "Supporters:", a listing of associations, nonprofit organizations, businesses, or individuals taken from the signers or the text of the argument in favor of the measure printed in the voter information guide. The list of supporters shall not exceed 125 characters in length. Each supporter shall be separated by a semicolon. An association, nonprofit organization, business, or individual shall not be listed unless they support the measure.

(2) After the text "Opponents:", a listing of associations, nonprofit organizations, businesses, or individuals taken from the signers or the text of the argument against the measure printed in the voter information guide. The list of opponents shall not exceed 125 characters in length. Each opponent shall be separated by a semicolon. An association, nonprofit organization, business, or individual shall not be listed unless they oppose the measure.

(3) A supporter or opponent shall not be listed pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2) unless it is one of the following:

(A) An association, nonprofit organization, or business that was not originally created as a committee described in Section 82013 of the Government Code and that has been in existence for at least four years.

(B) A current or former elected official, who may be listed with the official's title (e.g., "State Senator Mary Smith," "Assembly Member Carlos Garcia," or "former Eureka City Council Member Amy Lee"). These titles may be shortened (e.g. "Senator" or "Sen." for "State Senator" or "Asm." for "Assembly Member").

(C) An individual who is not a current or former elected official may be listed only with the individual's first and last name and an honorific (e.g., "Dr.," "M.D.," "Ph.D.," or "Esquire"), with no other title or designation, unless it is a title representing an association, nonprofit organization, or business that meets the requirements of subparagraph (A) or (B) and that is eligible to be listed under paragraph (1) if the individual supports the measure or under paragraph (2) if the individual opposes the measure.

(4) Spaces, commas, semicolons, and other characters count towards the 125-character limit in paragraphs (1) and (2).

(5) A supporter or opponent shall not be listed pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2) if the supporter or opponent is a political party or is representing a political party.

(6) The name of an association, nonprofit organization, or business included in the list of supporters and opponents as required by this section may be shortened by the proponents or opponents who submit it using acronyms, abbreviations, or by leaving out words in their name, as long as doing so would not confuse voters with another well-known organization or business that did not take the same position on the ballot measure (e.g., "Hot Air Balloon Flyers of Montana Education Fund" may be shortened to "Hot Air Balloons Montana").

(7) Supporters and opponents listed pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2) shall be added as text after the condensed ballot title and summary, if any, and may be separated by semicolons. Supporters and opponents need not be displayed on separate horizontal lines on the ballot. If no list of supporters is provided by the proponents or there are none that meet the requirements of this section, then "Supporters:" shall be followed by "None submitted." If no list of opponents is provided by the opponents or there are none that meet the requirements of this section, then "Opponents:" shall be followed by "None submitted."

(8) If the ballot emphasizes the text "Supporters:" or "Opponents:" by use of boldface font, underlining, or any other method that differentiates that text from the list of supporters or opponents that follow, the text "Supporters:" or "Opponents:" may be displayed with only the initial letter capitalized. If that text is not emphasized, then each letter of that text shall be capitalized.

(9) If including the list of Supporters and Opponents in the ballot labels as required by this section would necessitate the printing of an extra ballot card compared to the ballot labels not including them, the type size of the part of all of the ballot labels starting with "Supporters:" may be reduced by the minimal amount needed to stop them from necessitating an extra ballot card, as long as the type size is no smaller than 8-point and as long as the type size is reduced by the same amount for all ballot measures.

(b) (1) The proponents of the measure shall provide the list of supporters described in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) to the elections official when submitting arguments supporting the measure.

(A) For every supporter listed that is an association, a nonprofit organization, a business, or an individual whose title includes an association, nonprofit organization, or business, the supporters shall include a signed statement by a representative of the association, nonprofit organization, or business, under penalty of perjury, that includes its name and an address and that attests (i) that the association, nonprofit organization, or business supports the measure, (ii) that the association, nonprofit organization, or business has been in existence for at least four years, and (iii) that it was not originally created as a committee described in Section 82013 of the Government Code.

(B) For every supporter listed that is an individual, the proponents shall include a signed statement by the individual that includes the individual's name and address and attests that the individual supports the measure.

(2) The opponents of the measure shall provide the list of opponents described in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) to the elections official when submitting the arguments opposing the measure.

(A) For every opponent listed that is an association, a nonprofit organization, a business, or an individual whose title includes an association, nonprofit organization or business, the opponents shall include a signed statement by a representative of the association, nonprofit organization or business, under penalty of perjury, that includes its name and an address and that attests (i) that the association, nonprofit organization, or business opposes the measure, (ii) that the association, nonprofit organization, or business has been in existence for at least four years, and (iii) that it was not originally created as a committee described in Section 82013 of the Government Code.

(B) For every opponent listed that is an individual, the opponents shall include a signed statement by the individual that includes the individual's name and address and attests that the opponent opposes the measure.

(3) The elections official that receives the ballot arguments and list of supporters or opponents shall confirm that a submission listing supporters or opponents includes the documentation required by paragraphs (1) and (2) and otherwise meets the requirements of this section. The elections official shall ask the proponents or opponents to resubmit a list if the requirements are not met. The elections official may establish deadlines by when proponents or opponents must resubmit a list.

(c) Within one week of receipt, an elections official that is not a county elections official that administers a city, district, or school election and that receives a list of supporters or opponents for inclusion on the ballot label or similar description shall, after confirming compliance with this section as provided in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), forward that list to the county elections official.

(d) At least 30 days before the deadline for submitting arguments for or against county measures, a county board of supervisors may elect not to list supporters and opponents for county, city, district and school measures on the county ballot and future county ballots.

(1) A county shall not include a list of supporters or opponents for any county, city, district, or school measure if the county does not include a list of supporters or opponents for all measures for which the county receives a list that meets the requirements of this section. If the county elects not to list supporters and opponents for county, city, district, or school measures on the county ballot, the requirements of subdivisions (a) through (c) do not apply.

(2) A district measure or school measure on a county ballot shall not include a list of supporters or opponents if the same district or school measure appears on the ballot of another county that does not include a list of supporters or opponents for the measure, in which case the requirements of subdivisions (a) through (c), inclusive, do not apply for the measure.

(Added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 751, Sec. 7. (AB 1416) Effective January 1, 2023.)

Government Code § 82013.

“Committee” means any person or combination of persons who directly or indirectly does any of the following:

- (a) Receives contributions totaling two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more in a calendar year.
- (b) Makes independent expenditures totaling one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more in a calendar year; or
- (c) Makes contributions totaling ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or more in a calendar year to or at the behest of candidates or committees.

A person or combination of persons that becomes a committee shall retain its status as a committee until such time as that status is terminated pursuant to Section 84214.

(Amended by Stats. 2015, Ch. 364, Sec. 1. (AB 594) Effective January 1, 2016. Note: This section was added on June 4, 1974, by initiative Prop. 9.)

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