

COUNTY OF SONOMA  
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE

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The undersigned author(s) of the (select one of the following)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR (300 WORDS)

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ARGUMENT AGAINST (300 WORDS)

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ballot measure T at the General Municipal election for  
(Letter) (Name of Election)

the City of Sonoma being held on November 5, 2024  
(Jurisdiction) (Date of Election)

hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

1. [Redacted] 7/30/2024  
Signature/Date (Principal Officer signing of behalf of an Association?  Yes  No)

JOHN P. GURNEY  
Print/type your name or Association's name as it should appear on argument

MAYOR, SONOMA CITY  
Title to appear below name on argument (optional-limited to 4 words)

3. [Redacted] 7/30/24  
Signature/Date (Principal Officer signing of behalf of an Association?  Yes  No)

STEPHEN A. AKRE  
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FIRE CHIEF  
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5. [Redacted] 7/30/24  
Signature/Date (Principal Officer signing of behalf of an Association?  Yes  No)

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POLICE CHIEF  
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2. [Redacted] \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature/Date (Principal Officer signing of behalf of an Association?  Yes  No)

PATRICIA FARRAR-RIVAS  
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VICE MAYOR, SONOMA CITY  
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4. [Redacted] 7/31/24  
Signature/Date (Principal Officer signing of behalf of an Association?  Yes  No)

WALTER E. SCHAKE  
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ALLALDE, SONOMA CITY  
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E.C. §§9164, 9190, 9283, 9295, 9380, 9501, 9600

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## **Argument in Favor of Measure T**

Please join us by voting Yes on Measure T - for a Safer and Stronger Sonoma.

As Sonoma residents, we are privileged to live in a city that is both scenic and culturally rich. However, we face significant challenges including aging public infrastructure, public safety concerns, and affordable housing shortages. To maintain our high quality of life, the City of Sonoma requires the additional funding and resources that the passing of Measure T could provide.

Fiscal responsibility, accountability, and transparency make Measure T a wise and responsible investment for Sonoma residents. The measure requires independent annual audits and public disclosure of all spending to ensure funds are used properly. By law, revenue from this measure cannot be taken by the State, ensuring our tax dollars stay local for the benefit of Sonoma residents.

Importantly, essential purchases like groceries and medicine are exempt from the sales tax to reduce the burden for those on fixed incomes.

Measure T can support affordable housing, ensure fast emergency response times, maintain crime prevention efforts and safe evacuation routes, and improve public safety across the community. The measure will also provide much-needed upgrades to our aging public infrastructure, and improve traffic, pedestrian and bicycle safety. This measure could fund enhanced and expanded city parks, recreation and arts programs, including vital services for youth and seniors.

The longer Sonoma's roads, parks, and cemeteries go without repair, the more it will cost to fix them later. This measure will prevent expensive deferred maintenance, making our city safer and more updated while saving money in the long run. If this measure is not passed, cuts to services and programs may be needed to balance the limited resources available.

Join community leaders, business owners, first responders, and everyday families in voting Yes on Measure T to support the necessary investments for a safer and stronger Sonoma.