

COUNTY OF SONOMA
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE

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ELECTION DATE: _____

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STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

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

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR (300 WORDS)

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR (250 WORDS)

ARGUMENT AGAINST (300 WORDS)

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST (250 WORDS)

ballot measure V at the November 2020 Election election for
(Letter) (Name of Election)
the City of Sonoma being held on 11/3, 2020
(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] 8/27/20
Signature/Date (Principal Officer signing of behalf of an Association? Yes No)

Ramie Hennemann
Print/type your name or Association's name as it should appear on argument

Ice Cream Shop Owner
Title to appear below name on argument (optional-limited to 4 words)

3. [Redacted] 8/26/2020
Signature/Date (Principal Officer signing of behalf of an Association? Yes No)

Sam Morphy
Print/type your name or Association's name as it should appear on argument

Restaurant Owner
Title to appear below name on argument (optional-limited to 4 words)

5. [Redacted] 8/27/2020
Signature/Date (Principal Officer signing of behalf of an Association? Yes No)

Steve Akre
Print/type your name or Association's name as it should appear on argument

Sonoma Valley Fire Chief
Title to appear below name on argument (optional-limited to 4 words)

2. [Redacted] 8/25/20
Signature/Date (Principal Officer signing of behalf of an Association? Yes No)

Laurie Gallian
Print/type your name or Association's name as it should appear on argument

Former Mayor
Title to appear below name on argument (optional-limited to 4 words)

4. [Redacted] 8/25/20
Signature/Date (Principal Officer signing of behalf of an Association? Yes No)

John Gurney
Print/type your name or Association's name as it should appear on argument

Former Police Chief
Title to appear below name on argument (optional-limited to 4 words)

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OPTIONAL TITLES SHOULD NOT EXCEED FOUR (4) WORDS.
TITLES WHICH DO NOT FIT IN ALLOTTED SPACE WILL BE ABBREVIATED.

A ballot argument or rebuttal argument shall not be accepted unless accompanied by the name or names of the person(s) submitting it, or, if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization and the name of at least one of its principal officers. **As of May 2020, it is no longer required that signers who are signing as individuals be registered voters in the district.** No more than five signatures shall appear with any argument submitted. Arguments may be changed or withdrawn by their proponents until and including the date fixed by the election official for filing. There is a 10 calendar day review period prior to submitting arguments for printing.
E.C. §§9164, 9190, 9283, 9295, 9380, 9501, 9600

Text of arguments/rebuttal arguments should either be typewritten (see reverse side of form) on the reverse side of this form or a typewritten or computer generated statement may be attached to this form. Statements are electronically scanned for typesetting, therefore handwritten arguments will not be accepted for filing.

FINAL – 8/26/2020

**MEASURE V – SALES TAX EXTENSION
REBUTTAL TO BALLOT ARGUMENT AGAINST
SUBMITTED BY CITY OF SONOMA**

The opposition to Measure V is a group based outside the Sonoma Valley that opposes all general tax measures in our county regardless of merit. Locally, Measure V has support from key members of Sonoma's business community.

Voters have approved this local sales tax two times already. The need for this tax is ongoing, but not "locked in forever". A future Sonoma City Council could place it on the ballot, plus our voters are smart and know how to put a measure on the ballot if desired.

We know these are tough financial times. The City is expanding safe outdoor options for business, supporting programs for workers, and providing ongoing public information and enforcement on COVID. These critical actions take staff and already stressed financial resources. The Sonoma City Council already made painful budget cuts, including postponing improvement projects for streets and parks and reducing public safety. This year, \$1.9 million from reserves is needed to cover city services.

Passing Measure V now is critical for our City's long-term financial planning. Unlike other taxes that get shared with the County and State, 100% of Measure V revenue comes to the City. Also, a significant portion is paid for by tourists – not residents. Without Measure V's passage, the City will face greater financial uncertainty and more budget cuts and less services.

Measure V is not a new tax. Passing Measure V ensures that the City of Sonoma can continue to invest in streets and parks, fund public safety, and support our treasured community through future emergencies. Vote yes on Measure V.