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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR (300 WORDS)

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ARGUMENT AGAINST (300 WORDS)

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

the City of Sonoma, CA being held on November 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. _____ August 27, 2020
Signature/Date (Principal Officer signing of behalf of an Association? Yes No)

Jon Early, Proponent

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

Citizen's For Local Access

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

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

Van Solkov

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CEO HAPPY TRAVELER TOURS

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5. _____
Signature/Date (Principal Officer signing of behalf of an Association? Yes No)

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2. _____ 8/26/2020
Signature/Date (Principal Officer signing of behalf of an Association? Yes No)

Ken Brown

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FORMER SONOMA MAYOR

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4. _____ 8/27/20
Signature/Date (Principal Officer signing of behalf of an Association? Yes No)

Bill Boerum

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Healthcare Advocate

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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 Arguments may be changed or withdrawn by their proponents until and including the date fixed by the election official for filing.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

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The undisputed reason Sonoma will have City-allowed cannabis access in 2021 is that 767 frustrated voters, over 10%, signed Measure Y in 2018 after the Council voted to prohibit cannabis entirely, greatly motivating a subsequent counsel to change policies. If Measure Y doesn't pass, Sonoma will be left with a City-sponsored Cannabis Monopoly: no retail competition, no freedom of choice and no free enterprise, with unduly limited economic growth.

The Council wants you to believe that Measure Y encourages unlimited cannabis businesses; however, the City's own consultant, in a costly report, identified only five viable properties within Measure Y boundaries. There's no likelihood of a "cannabis row" as the City would have you believe. They say "The initiative is overly broad, confusing and problematic." They are confused and want the voters to be confused.

They say Measure Y "requires only a staff level review on basic zoning parameters." While technically correct, it's misleading and disingenuous since existing Commercial Zoning guidelines already allow (and do not require a review or Use Permit for) Grocery Stores, Banks, General Retail, Plant Nurseries, Auto Parts, Offices, etc.

They state "the measure appears to prohibit outdoor personal cultivation..." It actually does not prohibit or discuss outdoor cultivation at all, although it does permit indoor cultivation.

Measure Y does not put our community and future cannabis businesses at risk. It does, however, limit bureaucratic opposition and arbitrary decisions; the real reason the City wants to suppress your vote is because it infringes on their unchecked power.

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