

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

2. [Redacted] 8/22/20  
Signature/Date (Principal Officer signing of behalf of an Association?  Yes  No)

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

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

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

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

3. [Redacted] 8/26/20  
Signature/Date (Principal Officer signing of behalf of an Association?  Yes  No)

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

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

Mike Benziger  
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Chair Design Review Commission  
Title to appear below name on argument (optional-limited to 4 words)

Farmer/Cannabis Cultivator  
Title to appear below name on argument (optional-limited to 4 words)

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

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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 Y – PERSONAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION INITIATIVE  
REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST  
SUBMITTED BY CITY OF SONOMA**

Measure Y was designed with the specific goal of primarily benefitting one business, the signatory in favor of the measure. If passed, the author stands to personally benefit by allowing more dispensaries to be opened in Sonoma and to by-pass Sonoma's public review process that is required of all other businesses.

Yes, the Sonoma voters supported Proposition 64 - the legalization of cannabis. However, Sonomans did not vote for unregulated cannabis businesses. Sonoma has a history of striking a balance on the type and number of businesses that can open in our small town – including restrictions on big box retail and tasting rooms. The City just completed a lengthy process limiting the number of cannabis business operators to respect Sonoma's unique character. Measure Y would open the flood gates.

In the City of Sonoma's recent competitive dispensary approval process, ten cannabis proposals were received and one local professional cannabis business was approved. With the passage of Measure Y, local control and regulation of this new industry is removed. Any cannabis dispensaries could quickly receive a permit from the State and open for business in the City, without review. Measure Y means no local review of parking, traffic, safety, security, architectural design, and compatibility with neighborhoods. Further, no environmental impacts will be evaluated.

Sonoma already allows cannabis delivery and soon will have a retail dispensary opening in town. Sonoma is not Colorado or Los Angeles, we do not need an unlimited number of cannabis dispensaries to change our community character overnight. Vote "No" on Measure Y.