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**Ballot Measure Primary Argument Submission Form**

A ballot argument will not be accepted unless accompanied by this completed form, which shall contain the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the person(s) submitting it or, if submitted on behalf of a bona fide association of citizens, the name of the association and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers.

Word count limit for Primary Arguments = 300 words

Ballot Measure H for the RCSD to be held on Nov. 5, 2019

Primary Argument in Favor of  Primary Argument Against

**This argument is submitted by (check ONLY ONE):**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>The County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors or the Governing Body of a School District or Special District</b> Name of Governing Body: Contact Person's Printed Name: Phone: _____ Email: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Member(s) of the County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors or the Governing Body of a School District or Special District</b> Name of Governing Body: Contact Person's Printed Name: Phone: _____ Email: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Bona Fide Association of Citizens</b> If this argument is filed by a bona fide association of citizens, the signers of the argument must be affiliated with the association and be authorized to sign the argument on its behalf. Provide the printed name and signature of at least one principal officer of the association. Name of Association: Contact Person's Printed Name: Phone: _____ Email: _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Individual Voters Eligible to Vote on the Measure</b> Contact Person's Printed Name: John J. Hickey Phone: _____ Email: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Combination of Voters and Associations</b> Contact Person's Printed Name: Phone: _____ Email: _____

**Arguments will be emailed to the contact person listed here for review before they are printed in the Sample Ballot & Official Voter Information Pamphlets.**

**Please complete the reverse side of this form.**

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Primary Argument Signers Form			Author	Verified
<p>No more than five signatures shall appear with any argument. If more than five signatures are submitted, the first five listed shall be printed. Names and titles listed will be printed in the order that they are listed below. Place a checkmark in the author column if the signer is the author of the argument. A signer can only list one title.</p> <p>If the signers are part of a bona fide association, there is no requirement that they be eligible to vote on the measure. However, for each such signing individual, the title under the signer's name must list the name of that bona fide association and may include their position within that association.</p> <p>By signing below, the undersigned state that they have read the argument and believe it not to be false or misleading.</p> <p>Print information clearly.</p>			<p>Check if the signer is the author of the argument. Authors must be signers.</p>	<p>(FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY) Staff check once the eligibility of the signer is verified.</p>
1.	Name: John J. Hickey	Title: Advocate for Taxpayers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Phone: [REDACTED]	Email: [REDACTED]		
	Address: [REDACTED] Emerald Hills, CA 94062			
	Signature:	Date: 8/16/2019		
2.	Name:	Title:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Phone:	Email:		
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	Signature:	Date:		
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	Address:			
	Signature:	Date:		
5.	Name:	Title:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Signature:	Date:		

**Submit a second form (this side only) for alternate signers attached to this form and the argument.**

## Argument Against RCSD Parcel Tax

In 2012, voters approved a five year, \$67 parcel tax for the Redwood City School District(District). In 2016, voters approved a 14 year "renewal" of that tax, while coincidentally increasing it to \$85. Now, they seek an additional 12 year parcel tax of \$149.

### No more property tax!

The District closed 4 campuses in response to a drastic decline in enrollment. The economies from those closures should have balanced their budget. But no, the outrageous costs of pensions coupled with \$16.7 million in unfunded costs of the mandated Special Education Program produced a deficit which prompted this parcel tax.

### Dealing with Pensions and Special Ed.

The District and others like it should offer teachers, who have difficulty finding affordable living quarters, increased current income in exchange for concessions in their \_platinum\_ retirement benefits. And, the mandated Special Education Program should be funded by State and Federal dollars!

### Property taxes servicing \$200,000,000 Bond debt!

Besides the revenue from the proposed parcel tax, the District projected \$3,100,000 in general revenue for the 2020/2021 fiscal year, from the planned leasing of four closed campuses. These campuses benefited from bond money secured by property taxes. Bond debt will grow to more than \$200,000,000 this year. The District has no intention of using lease revenue to service the bond debt.

Property taxes would be lowered if lease revenue was used to service bond debt!

Vote NO on Measure H

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