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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 Parcel Tax for the Menlo Park City School District to be held on November 2, 2021.

Primary Argument in Favor of Primary Argument Against

This argument is submitted by (check ONLY ONE):	
<input type="checkbox"/>	The County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors or the Governing Body of a School District or Special District Name of Governing Body: Contact Person's Printed Name: Phone: _____ Email: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Member(s) of the County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors or the Governing Body of a School District or Special District Name of Governing Body: Contact Person's Printed Name: Phone: _____ Email: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bona Fide Association of Citizens 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"/>	Individual Voters Eligible to Vote on the Measure Contact Person's Printed Name: Phone: _____ Email: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Combination of Voters and Associations 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.	<p>Name: CHARLOT SINGLETON Title: 43 Year Resident Address: [REDACTED] ATHERTON, CA 94027 Date: July 31, 2021</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.	<p>Name: Paige Arata Title: Co-President, Menlo Park Education Foundation Address: [REDACTED] ATHERTON, CA 94027 Date: 8.1.2021</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.	<p>Name: Kristen Gracia Title: Menlo Park School District Administrator, Parent and Resident Address: [REDACTED] Menlo Park CA 94025 Date: 8/2/2021</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4.	<p>Name: ERIN PARUSZENSKI Title: Small Business Owner Address: [REDACTED] Menlo Park, CA 94025 Date: 8/2/21</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5.	<p>Name: DREW Combs Title: Mayor, Menlo Park Address: [REDACTED] MEMO PARK CA 94025 Date: 8-2-2021</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

Argument in Favor of Measure ____

Join parents, teachers, seniors, business owners and community leaders: vote YES on Measure ____ to renew our school funding and preserve our local schools.

Menlo Park City School District (MPCSD) is an award-winning district that serves 3,023 students at Encinal, Laurel and Oak Knoll Elementary Schools, Hillview Middle School and the Early Learning Center. Our great schools improve our community by making it a desirable place to live.

MPCSD is fiscally responsible and manages public funds well. It has a AAA bond rating, relatively low administrative costs and student outcomes that are the same or better than schools that spend significantly more per student. It was one of the first school districts in the Bay Area to re-open during the pandemic.

88% of the district's funding comes from local sources, including parcel and property taxes. In 2017, almost 80% of voters supported Measure X, a critical parcel tax that was a stopgap measure that will expire soon. Measure ____ renews this parcel tax at a new rate to continue providing local funding for the next 12 years. We need to pass Measure ____ to maintain a quality public education for our kids.

With Measure ____, MPCSD will:

- attract and retain quality teachers,
- keep class sizes reasonable,
- support core academic programs in reading, writing, math and science, and
- maintain the fiscal stability of the District.

Without Measure ____ the District will have to cut an additional \$3 million, after nearly \$1.9 million in cuts already being implemented. This will severely limit its ability to attract and retain the best teachers, increase class sizes and force cuts in music, arts, language, library and counseling.

Measure __ protects taxpayers by:

- Keeping all funds local, preventing any funds from being taken by the state
- Requiring strict fiscal controls, independent oversight and annual public audits, and
- Including exemptions for residents 65+ and disabled residents.

Vote YES on Measure ____ to preserve our local schools.

YesforMenloParkSchools.com

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MARK CHURCH, Chief Elections Officer

By _____ DEPUTY CLERK