

SUBMISSION OF ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX MEASURE AT NOVEMBER 6, 2018 STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION

The following deadlines are established by the City Clerk for submittal of primary and rebuttal arguments relating to the Transient Occupancy Tax Measure to appear on the November 6, 2018 Statewide General Election.

November 6, 2018 Statewide General Election

<u>Last Day</u>	<u>Item</u>
August 17, 2018	Last day to submit primary arguments for or against measure.
August 27, 2018	Last day to submit rebuttals to arguments for or against measure.

ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THE TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX MEASURE

Pursuant to City Resolution No. 2018-66, the City Council has authorized all members of the City Council to file written arguments regarding the City measure, or any individual voter or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of such voters and associations may file a written argument for or against any measure. A bona fide association is a recognized authentic or genuine group of citizens bound together, without intent of fraud or deceit, by a common interest or cause. Arguments may not exceed 300 words in length.

SELECTION OF ARGUMENT TO APPEAR IN SAMPLE BALLOT IF MORE THAN ONE ARGUMENT SUBMITTED IN FAVOR OR IN OPPOSITION

If more than one argument for or more than one argument against any measure is submitted within the time prescribed, the City Clerk shall select one of the arguments in favor and one of the arguments against for printing and distribution to the voters. In selecting the argument, the City Clerk shall give preference and priority in the following order:

1. The City Council or any member or members of the City Council authorized by it;
2. The individual voter, or bona fide association of citizens, or combination of voters and associations, who are the bona fide sponsors or proponents of the measure;
3. Bona fide associations of citizens; or
4. Individual voters who are eligible to vote on the measure.

REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS

When the City Clerk has selected the arguments for or against a measure, the City Clerk shall send copies of the argument in favor of the measure to the authors of the argument against, and copies of the argument against the measure to the authors of the argument in favor. The authors may prepare and submit rebuttal arguments not to exceed 250 words in length. A rebuttal argument may not be signed by more than five (5) authors. The author or a majority of the authors of an argument relating to a city measure may prepare and submit a rebuttal argument or may authorize in writing another person or persons to prepare, submit, or sign the rebuttal argument.

GUIDELINES--FORM OF SUBMISSION

The following applicable statement shall be printed on the heading of the front page of the argument:

- "Argument in Favor of Measure _____," or
- "Argument Against Measure _____," or
- "Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure _____," or
- "Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure _____".

Election law also requires that all arguments and rebuttals be accompanied by the following form statement, or a facsimile thereof, to be signed by each author of the argument:

"The undersigned author(s) of the (primary/rebuttal) argument (in favor of/against) ballot measure (name or number) at the Election for the City of Foster City to be held on November 6, 2018 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of (his/her/their) knowledge and belief:

Signed	Date
_____ (up to 5 signatures will be accepted) _____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

A ballot argument shall not be accepted unless accompanied by the name or names of the person or persons 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. No more than five (5) signatures shall appear with any argument.

A ballot argument or rebuttal argument which includes in its text the name of a person, other than the author of the argument, who is represented as being for or against a measure, shall not be accepted unless the argument is accompanied by a signed consent of such person. The consent of a person other than an individual (such as an organization, committee, etc.) shall be signed by an officer or other duly authorized representative.

WITHDRAWAL OF ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST MEASURE

Whenever any ballot arguments for or against any measure submitted to the voters for approval are authorized, such arguments may be withdrawn by their proponents at any time prior to and including the final date fixed for filing the arguments.

PUBLIC EXAMINATION OF ARGUMENTS AND IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

The public may examine Primary Arguments filed in favor of and against local measures and Impartial Analyses during the ten-day period of August 17, 2018 through August 27, 2018. The public may examine Rebuttal Arguments during the ten-day period of August 27, 2018 through September 6, 2018. During these periods, any member of the public may seek a Writ of Mandate to amend or delete the official election materials.

STATEMENT OF AUTHOR(S) OF ARGUMENT

The undersigned authors of the primary argument in favor of Ballot Measure _____, a measure regarding Transient Occupancy Tax, at the City of Foster City Election of November 6, 2018, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Signed

Date

Mayor Sam Hindi

Vice Mayor Gary Pollard

Councilmember Charlie Bronitsky

Councilmember Catherine Mahanpour

Councilmember Herb Perez