

Argument in favor of Measure G:

Santa Cruz City Timing of Selecting Mayor/Vice Mayor

Measure G is a simple clean-up amendment to the City Charter. Its only purpose is to clarify the timing for selection of the Mayor and Vice Mayor.

The City Charter directs that the City Council select a Mayor and Vice Mayor each year from among its members. That provision will not change. The proposed amendment simply clarifies when this selection should occur.

Currently, the Charter states that in a general election year, the selection of Mayor and Vice Mayor will occur at the second City Council meeting following the election. This provision was established years ago, when election results were generally verified fairly quickly.

Now, because of the growing trend to vote by mail, and procedures to ensure that every vote is accurately counted, the process of certifying the final results takes more time. Because of this, it is not technically possible to meet the current provision of the City Charter.

Selection of the Mayor and Vice Mayor currently happens as soon as possible after the election results are certified, but due to the timing of certification by the County, it is later than stated in the City's Charter.

This proposed amendment is a technical adjustment to ensure that selection of the Mayor and Vice Mayor will follow official certification of election results by the County Clerk. It does not alter how the Mayor and Vice Mayor are selected.

Voting YES on Measure G will correct outdated language for greater clarity and ensure that the City's official practices conform with those of the County Elections Department. This measure has been unanimously supported by the City Council.

SIGNATURE STATEMENT – PAGE 1

(Elections Code §9600)

All arguments and rebuttals concerning measures filed pursuant to Division 9 of the Elections Code shall be accompanied by the following statement to be signed by each author of the argument. Names and titles listed will be printed in the Voter's Information Pamphlet in the order provided below and will appear as indicated below.

"The undersigned author(s) of the:

- Argument For
- Argument Against
- Rebuttal to Argument For
- Rebuttal to Argument Against

Ballot Measure (insert letter here) G at the Primary General Special

election for the CITY OF SANTA CRUZ
(jurisdiction – name of district)

to be held on NOV 8, 2016 hereby state that such argument is true and correct
(date)

to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief."

Argument/Rebuttal Filed by: (check any of the following that apply)

This information will be provided on the City Clerk/County Clerk/Elections Website

- Board of Supervisors or Governing Board**

Contact Person's Printed Name: CYNTHIA MATHEWS
Contact Person's Signature: Cynthia Mathews
Title: Mayor, City of Santa Cruz
Phone: 831-423-8977 Email: mathews@cruzio.com

- Bona Fide Association of Citizens or Filers of Special District Initiative**

Name of Association: _____
Principal Officer's Printed Name: _____
Principal Officer's Signature: _____
Title: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Attach list of officers if document relates to a school district measure

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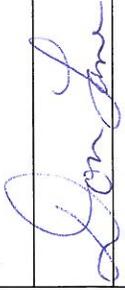
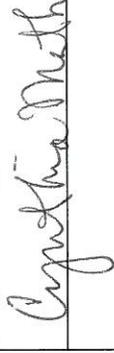
- Individual Voter Who is Eligible To Vote on the Measure**

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Check one of the following and write-in the letter assigned to the measure:

- Argument For Measure G
- Argument Against Measure _____
- Rebuttal to Argument For Measure _____
- Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure _____

The signature of the following persons will be printed as submitted below following the argument or rebuttal.

Signature	Print Name as it will appear in the Voter Information Guide	Print Title and Name of Organization (if applicable) as it will appear in the Voter Information Guide	Are you signing on behalf of an Organization? YES OR NO*	Date
	Don Lane	Santa Cruz City Councilmember	Yes	8/19/16
	Cynthia Matthews	Mayor, City of Santa Cruz	Yes	8/19/16

*If the argument or rebuttal is being submitted on behalf of an organization, at least one of its principal officers must sign. In the Voter Information Pamphlet there will be an asterisk printed next to the name and the following notation:

*Signing on behalf of the organization listed below the name.