

REPLY: Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure I— Amendments to the Cannabis Business Tax

The assertion that Measure I would somehow “repeal” or change the Compassionate Use Act of 1996, a statewide ballot measure, is simply incorrect.

Measure I merely proposes minor amendments to the City’s existing Cannabis Business Tax ordinance, which was passed in 2014 with 82 percent voter support. That measure provided for collection of a tax on cannabis sales, which is paid by the actual businesses, not patients, caregivers or personal users.

The changes proposed by Measure I will ensure that the Cannabis Business Tax is implemented fairly and uniformly throughout Santa Cruz County. Adopting these common-sense amendments will merely provide for more efficient administration of the tax, including businesses that cultivate marijuana for commercial sale, and ensure that the terminology in our local ordinance is aligned with current state law.

The City’s current Cannabis Business Tax was widely supported at the time of its passage, and has been in effect for two years without opposition. The argument against Measure I presents no coherent or credible rationale for opposing these minimal changes to the existing tax.

Please join us in voting YES on Measure I.

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) I 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
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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

SIGNATURE STATEMENT – PAGE 1 (continued)

Individual Voter Who is Eligible To Vote on the Measure

SIGNATURE STATEMENT – PAGE 2

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

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

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
	DUNCAN- MAGGIE MERRILL	PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER	No	8/24/2016
	JD SOTELO	Neighborhood City Advocate	No	8/25/2016
	PAMELA COMSTOCK	SANTA CRUZ CITY COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	8-24-2016
	Victor L. Albers	City of Santa Cruz - CHIEF RANGER	NO	08/25/16

*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.

AUTHORIZATION FOR ANOTHER PERSON(S) TO SIGN REBUTTAL ARGUMENT

I, CYNTHIA MATHEWS authorize the following person(s) to sign
(print name of FILER of the argument)

the rebuttal to the argument

For

Against

Measure F for the Nov 8, 2016 election.
(letter) (election date)

The filer may authorize any other person or persons to sign the rebuttal argument.

1. Maggie Duncan-Merrell to sign instead of Leslie Conner
(print name of rebuttal signer) (print name of argument signer)
2. JD Sotelo to sign instead of Fick Martinez
(print name of rebuttal signer) (print name of argument signer)
3. Pamela Comstock to sign instead of Cynthia Chase
(print name of rebuttal signer) (print name of argument signer)
4. Victor L. Albers to sign instead of Robert Davis
(print name of rebuttal signer) (print name of argument signer)
5. _____ to sign instead of _____
(print name of rebuttal signer) (print name of argument signer)

Signature of Filer: Cynthia Mathews Date: 8/25/16