Ballot Argument Control Sheet A

Control Sheet A must be submitted for every ballot argument, with required signatures and author information. If your argument has more than one author, you must also submit Control Sheet B with required signatures and information for all additional authors.

For an argument submitted on behalf of an organization, the "Individual" section must also be completed by a principal officer of the organization who must be a registered San Francisco voter.

If an argument states that an individual or organization other than the author supports or opposes the ballot measure, or agrees with or endorses the argument, a completed and signed Consent Form is required.

Facilitate typesetting, and reduce the possibility of transcription error by sending an electronic copy of your argument 24 hours after submission to the Department at publications@sfgov.org.

Section 1: Argument Information

Proposition

Proponent Argument
Rebuttal to Proponent Argument
Paid Argument in Favor

Opponent Argument
Rebuttal to Opponent Argument
Paid Argument Against

Section 2: Author Information

Declaration Related to Proponent and Opponent Arguments

I attest under the penalty of perjury that I am an Author of the Proponent Argument for Proposition being submitted and that I am not a Non-supporter of this measure. A Non-supporter is defined as a person who, with respect to a measure:

- Is a treasurer, officer, or member of a committee that has made or plans to make expenditures in opposition to the measure;
- Has received or been promised any compensation or thing of value from such a committee to perform consulting services for that committee; or
- Has authorized their name or likeness to appear on campaign literature or in advertising that advocates for the defeat of the measure.

I attest under the penalty of perjury that I am an Author of the Opponent Argument for Proposition being submitted and that I am not a Supporter of this measure. A Supporter is defined as a person who with respect to a measure:

- Is a treasurer, officer, or member of a committee that has made or plans to make expenditures in support of the measure;
- Has received or been promised any compensation or thing of value from such a committee to perform consulting services for that committee; or
- Has authorized their name or likeness to appear on campaign literature or in advertising that advocates for the adoption of the measure.

Complete the following to indicate whether the Author is an individual or an organization:

Individual (or principal officer of Organization) [ ]

Full Name (Print) ERIC GARRIS
San Francisco Address (W)
Signature

Organization (Entity) [ ] (If selected, complete both the Individual Author section and the Organization Section)

Name of Organization (Print)
Who should be listed as an Author for your Organization?

Only the Organization [ ] Both the Officer and the Organization [ ]

* Check if the title or identifying information is for identification purposes only, if you are signing as an individual and not on behalf of an organization.

Signature

Section 3: Submitter Information

The submitter is the person who delivers the argument and supporting materials to the Department. If there is a question or issue with a submission, the Department will contact the submitter.

Full Name (Print) ERIC GARRIS
Mailing Address
Signature
Section 4: Information for Paid Arguments

Paid arguments must include information about the true source of funds for the publication of the argument. It is also required to indicate whether the true source of funds is a recipient committee. This information will be printed below the argument and the author information in the Voter Information Pamphlet.

The true source of funds for the printing fee of this argument:

Yes ☐ No ☐

If the true source(s) of funds is a recipient committee, list the three largest contributors below:

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Section 5: Argument Text

The text of your argument will be printed exactly as submitted. Ensure that your argument meets the legal word limit. You may request that specific argument text be printed in bold, italic, or bold italic type. Type your argument with the desired formatting, or underline the argument text to be formatted and in the left column, mark "B" for bold, "I" for italics, or "BI" for bold italics. Other special formatting is not permitted. Include author information in argument text.

Format
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Ballot Argument Against Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Authority (CalTrain) Sales Tax – Measure RR

Caltrain is a wonderful resource. However, our local communities are currently devastated by the government shutdown of the economy because of the Covid-19 pandemic crisis. Low- and middle-income earners and the unemployed cannot afford adding yet another regressive sales tax at this time, let alone one scheduled to run for thirty years.

The pandemic has raised questions about the health and safety of public transportation overall. With workers working remotely, a state likely to continue for the foreseeable future, the need to increase Caltrain service and costly upgrades is just not there.

Caltrain has lost more than 95% of its ridership during Covid-19. Although Caltrain ridership may eventually recover, a 30-year sales tax to collect and spend large sums to increase service on Caltrain makes no sense, particularly when existing transportation sales taxes remain, and can fund Caltrain at its current and past service levels.

Existing transportation sales taxes fund the three county transit agencies, Muni, VTA, and SAMTRANS, which in turn subsidize Caltrain with $90 million/year in taxpayer funds. Passing the proposed Caltrain sales tax would allow Muni, VTA, and SAMTRANS to keep the $30 million/year to themselves rather than subsidize Caltrain. The proposed Caltrain sales tax, however, isn’t just to replace this $30 million/year in subsidies, but instead would raise $100 million/year, netting an additional $70 million/year for Caltrain, and an additional $30 million for the other transit agencies. And this when folks can least afford it, and when transit may be used a lot less.

Please vote no on the Caltrain sales tax, Measure RR.

For more information: www.SVTaxpayers.org

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