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Ballot Measure Primary Argument Submission Form

A ballot argument will not be accepted unless accompanied by this completed **typed** 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.

Please make sure you are using proper format before submitting to the Elections Office.

Word count limit for Primary Arguments = 300 words

Ballot Measure _____ for the General Election _____ to be held on November 3, 2023 2024.

☐ Primary Argument in Favor of ☒ Primary Argument Against

This argument is submitted by (check ONLY ONE):

☐	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: _____
☐	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: _____
☐	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: _____
☐	Individual Voters Eligible to Vote on the Measure Contact Person's Printed Name: Phone: _____ Email: _____
☒	Combination of Voters and Associations Contact Person's Printed Name: Karen Grove 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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1.	Name: Betsy Nash	Title: Mayor, City of Menlo Park	☒	☐
	Phone: [REDACTED]	Email: [REDACTED]		
	Address: [REDACTED] Menlo Park CA 94025		Pronouns:	
	Signature: [REDACTED]	Date: 7-28-2026	He/His: ☐	
			She/Her: ☒	
			They/Them: ☐	
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1.	Name: Rick Bonilla Phone: [REDACTED] Address: [REDACTED] San Mateo, CA 94401 Signature: [REDACTED]	Title: Board Chair, Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo County Date: 7-28-26	☒	☐	
2.	Name: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED] Address: [REDACTED] Signature: [REDACTED]	Title: [REDACTED] Date: [REDACTED]	☐	☐	
3.	Name: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED] Address: [REDACTED] Signature: [REDACTED]	Title: [REDACTED] Date: [REDACTED]	☐	☐	
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3	1.	Name: Lucia Tedesco	Title: President, League of Women Voters of South San Mateo County	☐	☐
		Address: [Redacted] Menlo Park CA 94025 Signature: [Redacted] Date: July 27 2026		Pronouns: He/His: ☐ She/Her: ☒ They/Them: ☐	
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1.	Name: Peter Carpenter	Title: Former President and Director, Menlo Park Fire Protection District	☐	☐
	[Redacted]			
	A [Redacted] <i>MFUO Park Me.com</i> Date: <i>27 July 2026</i>		Pronouns: He/His: ☒ She/Her: ☐ They/Them: ☐	
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5 → 1.	Name: Matt Burr Phone: [REDACTED] Address: [REDACTED] MENLO PARK CA 94025 Signature: [REDACTED] Date: 7/28/2020	Title: Owner, Café Zoë and Neighborhood Pizza Email: [REDACTED]	☐	☐
2.	Name: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED] Address: [REDACTED] Signature: [REDACTED] Date: [REDACTED]	Title: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]	☐	☐
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Argument Against Measure ____

Vote No on Measure X to protect Affordable Homes and support a vibrant downtown small business district in Menlo Park!

Menlo Park is one of the most expensive communities in the country. Teachers, caregivers, firefighters, and emergency responders cannot afford to live here. The next generation deserves the chance to stay near family and friends. Yet, every day, it gets harder to afford a home.

Downtown Menlo Park has too many empty storefronts. Redwood City, San Carlos, and Burlingame have seen a boom in downtown businesses after adding housing and improving parking. New homes bring activity, vitality, and business to downtown. Measure X would prevent Menlo Park from doing this.

If approved, Measure X would block Menlo Park's ability to replace aging surface parking lots with modern garages and add affordable homes above. Measure X inhibits bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements. All told, Measure X would make it harder for families, seniors, and people with disabilities to live and visit downtown.

Measure X is bad policy with no expiration date. Independent analysis finds it likely violates state laws, risking millions in legal fees and years of delay. Taxpayers would foot the bill to defend it, including endless appeals (no matter the merits). It could also put Menlo Park out of compliance with state housing law, costing local control of development (and allowing builder's remedy projects) city-wide.

If approved, Measure X would:

- Block affordable homes downtown.
- Hinder Menlo Park's efforts to revitalize downtown like neighboring cities have.
- Block much-needed downtown parking improvements.
- Forever inhibit the city's ability to plan for downtown's future.
- Delay even simple downtown projects like installing EV Chargers, by up to two years.
- Complicate compliance with state law.
- Cost Menlo Park taxpayers millions in legal fees.

Join trusted community leaders and organizations and Vote No on Measure X to support a vibrant downtown and create affordable homes within reach for Menlo Park!

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