

**CITY OF OAKLAND  
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK  
ARGUMENT AND REBUTTAL INFORMATION SHEET**

The Oakland City Council approved the call of an election and authorized the following ballot measures to be placed before the electorate of the City of Oakland:

Resolution No. 88117 C.M.S., passed on May 19, 2020 - RESOLUTION ON THE CITY COUNCIL'S OWN MOTION SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION, AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XI (ELECTIONS) OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND TO ADD SECTION 1106 TO PROVIDE FOR VOTING BY PERSONS AGED 16 AND ABOVE FOR THE OFFICE OF SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR ON THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD, AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY UNDER LAW TO SUBMIT THIS ITEM TO THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION;

Resolution No. 88228 C.M.S., passed on; July 17, 2020 - RESOLUTION ON THE CITY COUNCIL'S OWN MOTION SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CITY CHARTER SECTION 217 TO REMOVE THE \$1,000 LIMIT ON FINES FOR ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO FIX THE DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF ARGUMENTS AND PROVIDE FOR NOTICE AND PUBLICATION, AND TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY UNDER LAW TO PREPARE FOR AND CONDUCT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION;

Resolution No. 88237 C.M.S., passed on July 21, 2020 - RESOLUTION ON THE CITY COUNCIL'S OWN MOTION SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CITY CHARTER SECTION 604 TO STRENGTHEN THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE OAKLAND POLICE COMMISSION BY MODIFYING THE POWERS, DUTIES, AND STAFFING OF THE OAKLAND POLICE COMMISSION AND THE COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW AGENCY, AND CREATING AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL; AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO FIX THE DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF ARGUMENTS AND PROVIDE FOR NOTICE AND PUBLICATION, AND TO TAKE ANY AND ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY UNDER LAW TO PREPARE FOR AND CONDUCT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

**DIRECT ARGUMENTS**

Direct Arguments for or against measures that will be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Oakland at the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, are due for filing in the Office of the City Clerk no later than **5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 2020** specifically for the above-referenced ballot measures. Direct Arguments cannot exceed three hundred (300) words.

**REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS**

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9285 when the arguments for and against the measure have been selected, the City Clerk shall provide a copy of the argument in favor to the author of the argument against and a copy of the argument against to the author of the argument in favor. The authors may then prepare rebuttal arguments. Rebuttal arguments cannot exceed two hundred and fifty (250) words. Rebuttal

arguments are due for filing in the Office of the City Clerk no later than **5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 2020**.

Each argument and rebuttal must be accompanied by the printed name and signature of the person or persons submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers on the form provided by the City Clerk. No more than five (5) names/signatures will be printed with the argument or rebuttal.

### **ARGUMENT/REBUTTAL SIGNATURES**

Each argument and rebuttal must be accompanied by the printed name and signature of the person(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers on the attached form provided by the City Clerk. No more than five signatures/names will be printed with the argument or rebuttal. Please note that if an original author is submitting the rebuttal they must also sign the rebuttal in the same manner as the argument.

### **REBUTTAL RELEASE FORM**

If the authors of an argument want to have other people sign the rebuttal, then the attached Rebuttal Release Form must be completed and signed by the original authors and submitted with the rebuttal argument.

### **SELECTION OF ARGUMENT AND REBUTTAL**

Elections Code Section 9287 provides that if more than one argument for or against a measure is received, the City Clerk shall select one of the arguments in favor and one of the arguments against and give preference and priority according to the following order:

1. The legislative body or member/members of the legislative body as authorized by that body
2. The individual voter, bona fide association of citizens or the combination who are the bona fide sponsors or proponents of the measure
3. Bona fide association of citizens
4. Individual voters who are eligible to vote on the measure

The Elections Code does not define “bona fide association of citizens” nor has the Secretary of State provided a definition to this term. **To be considered a bona fide association**, the group must provide one of the following: a) Articles of Incorporation or By Laws, b) Form 410 Statement of Organization, or c) Letterhead with the organization’s name and the names of its principal officers. If only one bona fide association of citizens submits an argument, that argument would take priority over arguments submitted by individual voters.

If more than one bona fide association of citizens has submitted an argument, the following criteria will be taken into consideration for purposes of argument selection:

- a. The length of time the association has been in existence
- b. Whether the association’s memberships consists of primarily Oakland residents; and
- c. The number of members enrolled in the association

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at [electionservices@oaklandnet.com](mailto:electionservices@oaklandnet.com)

**CITY OF OAKLAND**  
**DECLARATION BY AUTHOR(S) OF ARGUMENTS OR REBUTTALS**  
**(Election Code Section 9600)**

The undersigned author(s) of the  
Argument in Favor  
Rebuttal to Argument in Favor  
Argument Against  
Rebuttal to Argument Against

of ballot measure \_\_\_\_\_ at the General Municipal Election for the  
*(Name, Number, or Letter)*

**City of Oakland** to be held on **Tuesday, November 3, 2020** hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Printed Name)* \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Wet Signature)* \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Date)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Title to Appear on Argument)*

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Printed Name)* \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Wet Signature)* \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Date)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Title to Appear on Argument)*

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Printed Name)* \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Wet Signature)* \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Date)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Title to Appear on Argument)*

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Printed Name)* \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Wet Signature)* \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Date)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Title to Appear on Argument)*

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Printed Name)* \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Wet Signature)* \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Date)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Title to Appear on Argument)*

**\*ALSO, ON THE ARGUMENT FORM TYPE NAMES & TITLES IN THE ORDER YOU WISH THEM TO APPEAR BELOW THE TEXT OF THE ARGUMENT.**

***IMPORTANT: Indicate below the name of person to contact and/or receive correspondence.***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF OAKLAND**  
**RELEASE FOR REBUTTAL ARGUMENT**

**IF** someone other than the original author(s) of the argument in favor or the argument against is signing the rebuttal argument, this release form must be completed and filed with the rebuttal argument.

The undersigned author(s) who submitted the original argument (in favor of/or against) Measure \_\_\_\_\_ to be voted on at the City of Oakland General Municipal Election to be held on **November 3, 2020** authorize the following individuals to sign the rebuttal argument in their place:

NEW SIGNERS

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Printed Name)* *(Printed Name)*

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Printed Name)* *(Printed Name)*

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Printed Name)*

ORIGINAL SIGNERS

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Printed Name)* *(Wet Signature)* *(Date)*

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Printed Name)* *(Wet Signature)* *(Date)*

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Printed Name)* *(Wet Signature)* *(Date)*

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Printed Name)* *(Wet Signature)* *(Date)*

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Printed Name)* *(Wet Signature)* *(Date)*

***IMPORTANT: Indicate below the name of person to contact and/or receive correspondence.***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# WORD COUNT STANDARDS FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS AND MEASURES

Punctuation	Not Counted
Single Character (I, a, \$, &)	One
Dictionary Words	One
Abbreviation/Acronyms	One
Geographical Names <sup>1</sup>	One
Streets, Bridges	One for each word
Names of Areas (Bay Area, East Bay)	One for each word
Names of School Districts and Special Districts	One
All other Proper Names	One
Telephone numbers, email/website addresses	One
Whole Numbers:	
Digits	One
Spelled out	One for each word
Dates:	
Digits	One
Words + Digits	One
Hyphenated words in dictionary	One
Hyphenated words not hyphenated in dictionary	One for each part

<sup>1</sup> Example – City and County of San Francisco (One Word)



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