

DEC 15 2023
City of Grass Valley
125 E. 4th St

BALLOT ARGUMENT STATEMENT FORM
Elections Code Section 9600

All arguments concerning measures filed pursuant to California Elections Code Division 9, commencing with Section 9000, shall be accompanied by the following form statement, to be signed by each proponent and by each author, if different, of the argument:

The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the PRIMARY
(primary/rebuttal to)
argument AGAINST ballot proposition MEASURE B
(in favor of/against) (name or number)
at the MAR 5th 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION
(title of election)
for the CITY OF GRASS VALLEY
(jurisdiction)
to be held on MAR 5th, 2024 hereby state that such
(date of election)
argument is true and correct to the best of HER knowledge and belief.
(his/her/their)

Signed [Redacted] Date 12/15/2023
Printed name Timothy P. DeMartini Title Business Owner

Signed [Redacted] Date 12/15/23
Printed name D. Kirk Pharis Title REALTOR

Signed [Redacted] Date 12-15-23
Printed name JOHN C SPENCER Title Former Nev. Co. Supervisor

Signed [Redacted] Date 12/15/23
Printed name ROBERT G INGRAM Title FORGOTER

Signed [Redacted] Date 12/15/23
Printed name Linda Bennett Title Retired teacher

AUTHOR INFORMATION

Signed [Redacted] Date 12-15-2023
Printed name Patti Ingram Spencer Title Former Grass Valley Mayor, Patti Ingram Spencer
Mailing Address [Redacted]

In addition to inclusion in the county voter information guide, pursuant to Elections Code section 9170, a list of supporters and opponents of local ballot measures shall be printed on the ballot, unless a statutory exception applies.

The printed list may include an association, a nonprofit organization, a business, or an individual.

If an association, nonprofit, or business, Nevada County Elections requires a signed statement from a representative of that entity, under penalty of perjury, that includes its name and an address and that attests (i) that the association, nonprofit organization, or business supports the measure, (ii) that the association, nonprofit organization, or business has been in existence for at least four years, and (iii) that it was not originally created as a committee described in Section 82013 of the Government Code. Proponents or opponents that are entities may shorten their names using acronyms, abbreviations, or by leaving out words in their name, as long as doing so would not confuse voters with another well-known organization or business that did not take the same position on the ballot measure.

If an individual, current or former elected officials may be listed with the official's title (e.g., "State Senator Mary Smith," "Assembly Member Carlos Garcia," or "former Eureka City Council Member Amy Lee"). These titles may be shortened (e.g. "Senator" or "Sen." for "State Senator" or "Asm." for "Assembly Member"). An individual who is not a current or former elected official may be listed only with the individual's first and last name and an honorific (e.g., "Dr.," "M.D.," "Ph.D.," or "Esquire"), with no other title or designation, unless it is a title representing an association, nonprofit organization, or business that meets the above requirements.

A supporter or opponent shall not be listed if the supporter or opponent is a political party or is representing a political party.

The list of supporters or opponents may not exceed 125 characters, including spaces and semicolons.

Supporter/Opponent Name and Title	Character Count (Elections staff only)
Tim DeMartini, Business Owner	29
Kirk Pharis, Realtor	20
John Spencer, Fmr. Nev. Co. Sup.	32
Robert Ingram, Forester	23
Linda Bennett	13
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Total (may not exceed 125)



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DECLARATION FOR OPPOSITION TO MEASURE B

I, Tim DeMartini, attest that I am the owner of the business known as DeMartini RV, located at 625 Idaho Maryland Road, Grass Valley, Nevada County, California; that DeMartini RV opposes Measure B; that DeMartini RV has been in existence for at least four years; and that it was not originally created as a committee described in Government Code section 82013.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: December 15, 2023



TIM DeMARTINI

Argument Against Measure B

Measure B will increase taxes, and Grass Valley will not be better prepared to prevent or fight wildfires.

This General Tax increase cannot be dedicated to fire safety despite what proponents promise. To dedicate tax dollars to a specific purpose, it must be a Special Purpose Tax. A specific tax increase requires a 2/3 vote (more than 66%) and would ensure the money is dedicated to fire safety. Instead, proponents chose a general tax because it is easier to pass with a simple majority vote (more than 50%). We need concrete solutions, not higher taxes coupled with vague promises. Voters are looking for a real plan that will dedicate money to reduce fuels, prepare our community for disaster, and help fund our fire districts and firefighters.

Protect our Grass Valley small businesses.

The City did not evaluate the local economic impacts of raising taxes and also did not consider any competitive disadvantages this would create for local businesses. We should not impose a new general sales tax while inflation and high energy prices already stress family finances. When faced with a 8.875% sales tax in Grass Valley, shoppers will take their dollars down the hill where the sales tax is 7.25%.

Keep Grass Valley affordable for local residents.

This measure increases the cost of everything sold in Grass Valley, especially big-ticket items such as vehicles and equipment. The significant increase in building material costs will exacerbate our community's lack of affordable housing.

Vote NO on Measure B!

Another tax increase is not needed. Rather, we need our city leaders to better use our general funds.