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# Arguments Due for Local Measures on the June Ballot

There are 6 local measures on the June 5, 2018 ballot, and interested persons have until 5pm, Friday, March 16 to file arguments for or against most measures. One measure for the Loma Prieta Joint Union School District must file their arguments by March 13.

The following school measures have been approved by the respective governing boards to be placed on the June ballot:

* **Mountain Elementary School District:** To improve the quality of education at Mountain School with funding that cannot be taken by the State; repair/replace leaky roofs; and modernize/reconstruct/improve outdated classrooms, school facilities and fields; shall Mountain Elementary School District issue $2,300,000 of bonds at legal rates, generating on average $158,000 annually through 2048 for bonds from levies of approximately 3 cents per $100 assessed value, with annual audits, citizens’ oversight, NO money for salaries and all funds for local schools?
* **Happy Valley Elementary School District:** To support academic excellence, maintain quality art and music programs, integrate modern technology into classrooms, retain high quality teachers and provide local funding that cannot be taken by the State, shall Happy Valley Elementary School District’s measure be adopted authorizing the levy of a parcel tax for six years at a rate of $99 per year raising $61,000 annually with an exemption for seniors and with annual citizens’ oversight?

Arguments for or against the measures listed above must be filed by 5pm, Friday, March 16 with the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department, 701 Ocean St., Room 310, Santa Cruz, 831-454-2060, FAX: 831-454-2445.

Santa Clara County has set the deadline of Tuesday, March 13, 5pm as the deadline for filing arguments for or against the Loma Prieta Joint Union School District. Arguments can be filed with the Santa Cruz or Santa Clara County elections offices.

* **Loma Prieta Joint Union School District:** To repair Loma Prieta School District’s fire-damaged classrooms and community center, update fire alarms, water systems, electrical/heating and plumbing systems, meet health/safety codes, modernize aging classroom technology, acquire, repair, construct, equipment/sites with funding that cannot be taken by the State shall this Loma Prieta Joint Union School District measure be adopted to issue $10,600,000 in bonds at legal rates, levy on average 3 cents/$100 assessed value ($670,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, with annual audits and citizens oversight?

The City of Santa Cruz also has three measures on the June ballot. Persons interested in filing arguments for or against those measures should contact the Santa Cruz City Clerk at 831-420-5030. The deadline for filing arguments with the Santa Cruz City Clerk is 5pm, Friday, March 16. The City measures include:

* To protect Santa Cruz’s quality of life by maintaining: police community and neighborhood services and crime prevention; homeless and treatment services; funding for local non-profits providing children/senior/working family services; City programs for children/at-risk youth; support for parks/beaches/open spaces; fire prevention programs and other essential city services, shall the City of Santa Cruz enact a permanent ¼ percent sales tax to provide about $3 million annually for use in our local community?
* With cultivation, possession and use of recreational marijuana made legal in 2016 by California voters, shall the Santa Cruz Municipal Code be amended to repeal Measure K, a 2006 ballot measure that requires Santa Cruz police officers and other law enforcement officers in the City of Santa Cruz to make enforcement of laws pertaining to the distribution, sale, cultivation or use of marijuana by adults their lowest law enforcement priority?
* Shall an Ordinance be adopted to expressing the Santa Cruz community’s opposition to the proposed enrollment growth at the University of California, Santa Cruz?

The County Clerk will assign measures a letter designation after 5pm, Friday, March 9.

Arguments must not exceed 300 words. In addition, arguments must be accompanied by a signed “Signature Statement” form available from the elections office or online at [www.votescount.com](http://www.votescount.com/). The form is contained in the “Guide to Writing Arguments” on the Elections Department’s website.

Only one argument for and one argument against each measure will be printed in the County Voter Information Guide. Should more than one argument be filed, the elections official will choose one to appear in accordance with the law.

Measures may be viewed online at [www.votescount.com](http://www.votescount.com/)

For more information, please call the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department at 831-454-2060 or go online to [www.votescount.com](http://www.votescount.com/) for the latest election information.

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