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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 REBUTTAL TO (primary/rebuttal to) argument IN FAVOR OF ballot proposition MEASURE B (in favor of/against) (name or number)

at the MAR 5, 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION (title of election)

for the CITY OF GRASS VALLEY (jurisdiction)

to be held on MAR 5, 2024 (date of election) hereby state that such

argument is true and correct to the best of HER (his/her/their) knowledge and belief.

Signed [Redacted] Date 12.22.2023
Printed name Patricia Ingram Spencer Title former Mayor City of Grass Valley

Signed [Redacted] Date 12-22-23
Printed name John C Spencer Title Former Nev. Co. Supervisor Dist 3

Signed [Redacted] Date 12/22/23
Printed name Mark Hermes Title Retired Scientist

Signed [Redacted] Date 12/22/23
Printed name D. KIRK PHARIS Title REALTOR

Signed [Redacted] Date 12-22-2023
Printed name Tim DeMartini Title OWNER DeMartini Rd.

AUTHOR INFORMATION

Signed [Redacted] Date 12.22.2023
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Authorization Form for Rebuttal Arguments

I, Patti Ingram Spencer, as the author of the primary argument in favor of/against
MEASURE B, authorize the following person to sign in my place on the rebuttal
to the argument in favor of/against said measure.

Section to be Completed by New Author:

Printed Name: _____

Residential Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Section to be Completed by Original Author:

Printed Name: Patti Ingram Spencer

Residential Address: 

City/Zip: Grass Valley Ca 95945

Mailing Address: same

City/Zip: _____



Original Author Signature

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT FOR MEASURE B

Don't be misled! Measure B is a **GENERAL TAX** and can be spent without any restrictions. If the City of Grass Valley wanted to dedicate funds from a new sales tax exclusively for fire risk management, **they would have!**

The Grass Valley City Council **wants to raise your sales tax to 8.875%** - placing Grass Valley's sales tax rates **HIGHER** than that of **70% of all municipalities in California**. Much higher than our neighbors in Auburn, Yuba City, and Roseville. The consequences are easy to anticipate – local families and those on fixed incomes will stretch their dollars and buy their essentials down the hill to save money. Buyers of big-ticket items such as recreational vehicles or construction equipment will save thousands by purchasing goods and services somewhere else. Measure B will cripple our mom-and-pop businesses that are already struggling with increasing costs and high levels of inflation. Residents of Grass Valley will rely even more on buying essentials from mega corporations like Target and Amazon. **What happened to "Shop Local"?**

Recently, a Grass Valley business owner told The Union newspaper: "this has been one of the slowest years in business, even more so than pandemic times. Many of us have been hanging on by a thread." **Increasing Grass Valley's sales tax rate to nearly 9%** will only exacerbate the problems local businesses are currently facing. **Vote NO on Measure B.** Send a message to the Grass Valley City Council that you won't be tricked again.