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Arguments Due February 16 for Los Gatos-Saratoga School Measure on May Ballot

Persons interested in writing an argument for or against the Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District parcel tax measure for the May 3, 2016 all-mail ballot election must file their argument by 5 p.m., Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

The question before voters in May is:

"To provide stable funding for local high schools, maintain outstanding core academic programs and high quality science, math, technology and engineering courses, attract and retain highly qualified teachers, and provide programs that help students prepare for college and careers, shall Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District renew its expiring education parcel tax at \$49 per year for eight years, with citizen oversight, an exemption for seniors, no funds for administrator's salaries, and every dollar benefiting local high schools?"

Arguments for or against the school district measure must be filed by 5 p.m., Tuesday, February 9, 2016.

Since the school district includes both Santa Cruz and Santa Clara counties, arguments may be filed with either the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department, 701 Ocean St., Room 210, Santa Cruz, 831-454-2060, FAX: 831-454-2445 or the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters, 1555 Berger Dr., Building #2, San Jose, 408-299-8639, FAX: 408-998-7314. If more than one argument is filed, the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters will choose one to be printed in the County Voter Information Guide in accordance with the law.

Arguments must not exceed 300 words. In addition, arguments must be accompanied by a signed "Signature Statement" form available from the elections official or online at www.votescount.com. The form is contained in the "Guide to Writing Arguments" on the Santa Cruz County Elections Department's website.

Only one argument for and one argument against the measure will be printed in each county's Voter's Information Pamphlet mailed to all registered voters in the district in early April.

For more information, please call the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department at 831-454-2060, email info@votescount.com or go online to www.votescount.com for the latest election information.