

**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 measure to be placed before the electorate of the City of Oakland:

Resolution No. 90987 C.M.S., Passed On December 16, 2025 – A Resolution (1) Calling And Giving Notice For The Holding Of A Special Municipal Election On June 2, 2026 For The Purpose Of Submitting To The Voters A Measure To Amend The City's Business Tax Ordinance (Oakland Municipal Code Chapter 5.04) To Provide Business Tax Exemptions For Certain Small Businesses And New Businesses Opening Locations In Commercial Spaces; And (2) Requesting Consolidation Of The Special Municipal Election With The Statewide Direct Primary Election To Be Held In The City Of Oakland On June 2, 2026; (3) Directing The City Clerk To Take Any And All Actions Necessary Under Law To Submit This Measure To Voters At The June 2, 2026 Election; And (4) Making Appropriate California Environmental Quality Act Findings

Resolution No. 91013 C.M.S., Passed On January 6, 2026 – A Resolution (1) Calling And Giving Notice For The Holding Of A Special Municipal Election On June 2, 2026, For The Purpose Of; Submitting To The Voters A Measure That Would Amend City Charter Article XXVI Section 2601 To, Among Other Things (A) Expand The Eligibility For Members Of The Police And Fire Retirement System Board; And (B) Change The Board Meeting Frequency From Monthly To No Less Than Quarterly; (2) Requesting Consolidation Of The Special Municipal Election With The Statewide Direct Primary Election To Be Held In The City Of Oakland On June 2, 2026; (3) Directing The City Clerk To Take Any And All Actions Necessary Under Law To Submit This Measure To Voters At The June 2, 2026, Election; And (4) Making Appropriate California Environmental Quality Act Findings

Resolution No. 91063 C.M.S., Passed On March 3, 2026 – Adopt A Resolution (1) Accepting The Certification Of The Results Of The Examination Of The Initiative Petition Proposing An Ordinance Entitled "Oakland Public Safety, Cleanliness And Community Accountability Act Of 2026" ("Proposed Ordinance"); (2) Calling And Giving Notice For The Holding Of A Special Municipal Election On June 2, 2026 For The Purpose Of Submitting The Proposed Ordinance To The Voters; (3) Requesting Consolidation Of The Special Municipal Election With The Statewide Direct Primary Election To Be Held In The City Of Oakland On June 2, 2026; And (4) Directing The City Clerk To Take Any And All Actions Necessary Under Law To Submit This Measure To Voters At The June 2, 2026 Election

DIRECT ARGUMENTS

Direct Arguments for or against measures that will be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Oakland at the Special Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, are due for filing in the Office of the City Clerk no later than **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2026**, 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 Wednesday, March 25, 2026**.

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, submitted with the argument: 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 consist 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@oaklandca.gov

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 Special Municipal Election for the City of Oakland
(*Keyword(s), Number, or Letter*)
to be held on **Tuesday, June 2, 2026** hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of
his/her/their knowledge and belief:

1. _____
(*Printed Name*) _____ (*Signature*) _____ (*Date*)

(*Title to Appear on Argument*)

2. _____
(*Printed Name*) _____ (*Signature*) _____ (*Date*)

(*Title to Appear on Argument*)

3. _____
(*Printed Name*) _____ (*Signature*) _____ (*Date*)

(*Title to Appear on Argument*)

4. _____
(*Printed Name*) _____ (*Signature*) _____ (*Date*)

(*Title to Appear on Argument*)

5. _____
(*Printed Name*) _____ (*Signature*) _____ (*Date*)

(*Title to Appear on Argument*)

***ALSO, TYPE NAMES & TITLES IN THE ORDER YOU WISH THEM TO APPEAR BELOW
THE TEXT OF THE ARGUMENT. SEE SAMPLE ON LAST PAGE***
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 Special Municipal Election to be held on **June 2, 2026** 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) *(Signature)* *(Date)*

2. _____
(Printed Name) *(Signature)* *(Date)*

3. _____
(Printed Name) *(Signature)* *(Date)*

4. _____
(Printed Name) *(Signature)* *(Date)*

5. _____
(Printed Name) *(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	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

