ARGUMENTS

FORM OF STATEMENT TO BE FILED BY AUTHORS OF ARGUMENTS

All arguments concerning measures filed pursuant to Division 9, Chapter 3 (beginning with § 9200) of the Elections Code 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/rebuttal) argument (in favor of/against) ballot proposition (name or number) at the (title of election) election for the (jurisdiction) to be held on Nov 3, 2026 hereby state that the argument is true and correct to the best of (his/her/their) knowledge and belief.

Print Name Cameron Cosgrove Title (If applicable):Submitted on behalf of : (name of organization)	Signature [redacted] Date 5/16/26
Print Name Suzie Whitelaw, PhD Title ~~President~~ (If applicable):Submitted on behalf of : ~~Save Our Beaches SC~~ (name of organization)	Signature [redacted] Date 5/16/26
Print Name Tim Brown Title Former Mayor San Clemente (If applicable):Submitted on behalf of : (name of organization)	Signature [redacted] Date 5/14/26
Print Name BENJAMIN SEVERSON Title (If applicable):Submitted on behalf of : (name of organization)	Signature [redacted] Date 5/18/26
Print Name Charlie Fox Title (If applicable):Submitted on behalf of : (name of organization)	Signature [redacted] Date 5/18/26

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE [LETTER]

San Clemente is at a turning point.

For decades, we have watched our beaches erode. What was once a wide, walkable shoreline has disappeared in many areas. The natural supply of sand has been cut off.

At the same time, neighborhoods east of I-5 are now classified as Very High Fire Hazard Zones, with rising wildfire risk, increasing insurance costs, canceled policies, and limited local resources to reduce risk. Wildfire is a citywide threat. When driven by high winds, it can spread rapidly, forcing evacuations and putting lives at risk. Prevention is our most effective strategy.

This citizen-led measure provides a locally controlled solution to address two growing natural hazards threatening San Clemente's safety, economy, and quality of life: beach erosion and wildfire risk.

Dedicated funding comes from a 1% sales tax for 10 years, with visitors contributing, and does not apply to groceries or prescriptions.

Every dollar is legally restricted: 50% for wildfire prevention and fire protection, and 50% for beach protection, with at least 70% of beach funds dedicated to putting sand back on our beaches through replenishment and retention. These priorities are locked in and funds cannot be diverted to unrelated City expenses.

Wider beaches protect the Beach Trail, the Pier, public beach access, our coastal economy and quality of life.

Investing in wildfire prevention before disaster strikes, not after, helps protect lives, homes, and neighborhoods while strengthening community resilience.

These investments also allow San Clemente to compete for state and federal funding that requires local matching dollars.

This measure includes accountability: independent oversight, annual audits, public reporting, and a 10-year sunset requiring voter renewal.

This is our opportunity to act before these challenges grow worse. We cannot afford further delays.

Vote YES to restore San Clemente's beaches, protect our neighborhoods, and secure our future.

SUPPORTERS/OPPONENTS TO BE LISTED ON BALLOT LABEL

All ballot labels concerning county, city, district, or school measures on a county ballot shall end with a list of Supporters and Opponents taken from the signers of the argument in favor or against the measure. **The list of Supporters/Opponents shall not exceed 125 characters in length, including spaces. Each Supporter/Opponent shall be separated by a semicolon. An association, nonprofit organization, business, or individual shall not be listed unless they support/oppose the measure. A Supporter/Opponent shall not be listed if the Supporter/Opponent is a political party or is representing a political party.**

The below listed Individuals, Associations, Nonprofit Organizations, and/or Businesses are:

☒ **SUPPORTERS** ☐ **OPPONENTS**

of ballot measure _____ (Letter) at the ~~November 2026~~ General Election (Election Name) election for the San Clemente (Jurisdiction) being held on Nov 2026 (Date of Election)

hereby state that all the information provided is true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

A Supporter or Opponent shall not be listed unless it is one of the following:

(A) An association, nonprofit organization, or business that was not originally created as a committee described in Section 82013 of the Government Code and that has been in existence for at least four years.

(B) A current or former elected official, who 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").

(C) 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 requirements of (A) or (B) above and that is eligible to be listed if the individual supports the measure or if the individual opposes the measure pursuant to Elections Code 9170 (a).

Use the space below to show the order of the list of Individuals, Associations, Nonprofit Organizations, and/or Businesses* (not to exceed 125 characters in length) Spaces between Supporters/Opponents may be omitted. Each Supporter/Opponent shall be separated by a semicolon.

1. Cameron Cosgrove;
2. Suzie Whitelaw, PhD;
3. Tim Brown;
4. Benjamin Severson;
5. Charlie Fox

65
Total number of characters

* Each of the above listed **must** complete a Signature Consent Form and submit along with this form.

Signature Consent – complete the appropriate section below and sign:

A. Individual: 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. If using a title representing an association, nonprofit organization, or business, also complete section C.

Name: Cameron Cosgrove

Title used on ballot label: Proponent

Address [redacted]

☑ Supports the measure ☐ Opposes the measure

B. Elected Official: A current or former elected official, who 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").

Name: _____

Title used on ballot label: _____

Address: _____

☐ Supports the measure ☐ Opposes the measure

C. For every supporter listed that is an association, a nonprofit organization, a business, or an individual whose title includes an association, nonprofit organization, or business, the supporters shall include a signed statement by a representative of the association, nonprofit organization, or business, 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.

Name of Association: _____

Principal Officer's Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Title used on ballot label: _____

1. The association, nonprofit organization, business, individual:
   ☐ Supports the measure ☐ Opposes the measure
2. The association, nonprofit organization, or business has been in existence for at least four years: ☐
3. Was not originally created as a committee described in Section 82013 of the Government Code: ☐

Under penalty of perjury, I attest that the above information is true and correct:

Signature: [redacted]

Date: 5/13/26

Signature Consent – complete the appropriate section below and sign:

A. Individual: 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. If using a title representing an association, nonprofit organization, or business, also complete section C.

Name: Suzie Whitelaw, PhD

Title used on ballot label: _____

Address: [redacted]

☒ Supports the measure ☐ Opposes the measure

B. Elected Official: A current or former elected official, who 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").

Name: _____

Title used on ballot label: _____

Address: _____

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Name of Association: _____

Principal Officer's Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Title used on ballot label: _____

1. The association, nonprofit organization, business, individual:
   ☐ Supports the measure ☐ Opposes the measure
2. The association, nonprofit organization, or business has been in existence for at least four years: ☐
3. Was not originally created as a committee described in Section 82013 of the Government Code: ☐

Under penalty of perjury, I attest that the above information is true and correct:

Signature: [redacted]

Date: 5/19/2026

Signature Consent – complete the appropriate section below and sign:

A. Individual: 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. If using a title representing an association, nonprofit organization, or business, also complete section C.

Name: _____

Title used on ballot label: _____

Address: _____

☐ Supports the measure ☐ Opposes the measure

B. Elected Official: A current or former elected official, who 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").

Name: Tim Brown

Title used on ballot label: Former Sen Clerk Mayor Tim Brown

Address: [redacted]

☑ Supports the measure ☐ Opposes the measure

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Name of Association: _____

Principal Officer's Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Title used on ballot label: _____

1. The association, nonprofit organization, business, individual:
   ☐ Supports the measure ☐ Opposes the measure
2. The association, nonprofit organization, or business has been in existence for at least four years: ☐
3. Was not originally created as a committee described in Section 82013 of the Government Code: ☐

Under penalty of perjury, I attest that the above information is true and correct:

Signature: [redacted]

Date: 5/16/2026

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Name: BENJAMIN SEVERSON

Title used on ballot label: _____

Address: [redacted]

☒ Supports the measure ☐ Opposes the measure

B. Elected Official: A current or former elected official, who 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").

Name: _____

Title used on ballot label: _____

Address: _____

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Name of Association: _____

Principal Officer's Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Title used on ballot label: _____

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3. Was not originally created as a committee described in Section 82013 of the Government Code: ☐

Under penalty of perjury, I attest that the above information is true and correct:

Signature: [redacted]

Date: 5/18/'26

Signature Consent – complete the appropriate section below and sign:

A. Individual: 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. If using a title representing an association, nonprofit organization, or business, also complete section C.

Name: Charlie Fox

Title used on ballot label:

Address: [redacted]

☑ Supports the measure ☐ Opposes the measure

B. Elected Official: A current or former elected official, who 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").

Name: _____

Title used on ballot label: _____

Address: _____

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Under penalty of perjury, I attest that the above information is true and correct:

Signature: [redacted]

Date: 5/18/2024