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ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE ____

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~~BALLOT ARGUMENT AGAINST THE TRANSFER TAX~~

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We must address housing for the unhoused, but **enough is enough**. Since 2014, San José voters have passed THREE new City-wide taxes and a \$650 million infrastructure tax, costing taxpayers \$92 million annually. County-wide, voters have approved two new taxes – including a general tax measure. School and college districts have had new tax measures approved. Regional bodies VTA & MTC received voter approval for new taxes and fees. At the same time, we have new General Fund dollars coming in from eBay, while Apple, Google, and Facebook have pledged billions for housing.

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On top of all these taxes, many more may be on the way including: a state measure to alter Proposition 13, a new regional transportation “mega tax”, and another general 5/8-cent County sales tax. The City is also studying a new Commercial Linkage Fee to fund housing, on top of existing residential impact and inclusionary housing fees. When will it be enough?

Measure _ is a GENERAL TAX. Despite the nice wording about affordable housing and helping the unhoused, future City Councils can spend this money on anything they choose. If they spend just \$1 on housing, they can say they have kept their commitment.

This new tax, Measure _ will make it more expensive to acquire properties for development. Increasing costs has NEVER led to increased affordability. It will make it harder to finance the projects we desperately need in San Jose, so FEWER homes will get built, and our housing crisis will get WORSE.

As voters, taxpayers, and officeholders, we want to see RESULTS for the taxes we’ve already authorized. Instead of raising taxes, let’s focus on REDUCING costs. Let’s focus on using the housing money we already have more effectively. Let’s focus on living within our means --- because Enough IS Enough!

Vote NO on this General tax. Vote no on Measure ____

Signed:

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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 Measure _____ at the Runoff Municipal Election for the City of San Jose to be held on November 6, 2018 hereby state that the argument is true and correct to the best of (his/her/their) knowledge and belief.

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Form with 5 rows for author information. Row 1: Mark W. A. Hinkle, President, Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association, Date 12/5/19. Row 2: Pat Waite, President, Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility, Date 12/5/19. Row 3: Johnny Khamis, Councilmember, City of San Jose, Date 12/5/19. Rows 4 and 5 are blank.

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All Authors must print his/her name and sign this form (EC 9600) AND Print his/her name and sign the Argument itself (EC 9283) AND Print his/her name and sign the Rebuttal Argument itself (EC 9285)

Further, pursuant to Election Code § 9282, printed arguments submitted to the voters shall be titled either "Argument In Favor Of Measure ___" or "Argument Against Measure ___".

Likewise, printed rebuttal arguments submitted pursuant to Election Code § 9285 shall be titled either "Rebuttal To Argument In Favor Of Measure ___" or "Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure ___".