



Ballot Measure Primary Argument Submission Form

A ballot argument will not be accepted unless accompanied by this completed **typed** form, which shall contain the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the person(s) submitting it or, if submitted on behalf of a bona fide association of citizens, the name of the association and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers. **Please make sure you are using proper format before submitting to the Elections Division.**

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Ballot Measure Bear Valley CSD for the Repeal of Legacy Measure A to be held on November 3, 2026.

☒ Primary Argument in Favor ☐ Primary Argument Against ☐ Rebuttal to Argument ☐ Rebuttal to Argument Against

This Argument is Submitted by (check only one):

☐	The Kern County Board of Supervisors or the Governing Body of a School or Special District	
	Name of Governing Body:	
	Contact Person's Printed Name:	
	Phone:	Email:
☐	Member(s) of the Kern County Board of Supervisors or the Governing Body of a School or Special District	
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☒	Bona Fide Association of Citizens	
	If this argument is filed by a bona fide association of citizens, the signer of the argument must be affiliated with the association and be authorized to sign the argument on its behalf. Provide the printed name and signature of at least one principal officer of the association	
	Name of Association: <u>Bear Valley Residents</u> ID# <u>143176T</u>	
	Contact Person's Printed Name: <u>KEVIN RICE</u> <u>Principal & Treasurer</u>	
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☐	Individual Voters Eligible to Vote on the Measure	
	Contact Person's Printed Name:	
	Phone:	Email:
☐	Combination of Voters and Associations	
	Contact Person's Printed Name:	
	Phone:	Email:

Primary Argument Signers Form				Author	Verified
No more than five signatures shall appear with any argument. If more than five signatures are submitted, the first five listed shall be printed. Names and titles listed will be printed in the order that they are listed below. Place a checkmark in the author column if the signer is author of the argument. A signer can only list one title. Honorifics such as M.D., Dr., Esquire, etc. with a name are not accepted. If the signers are part of a bona fide association, there is no requirement that they be eligible to vote on the measure. However, for each such signing individual, the title under the signer's name must list the name of that bona fide association and may include their position within that association. By signing below, the undersigned state that they have read the argument and believe it not to be false or misleading. Type information clearly.				Check if the signer is the author of the argument. Authors must be signers.	(FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY) Staff Initial once the eligibility of the signer is verified.
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Argument In Favor Of Measure _____

**REPEAL OF LEGACY MEASURE A (1997) ANNUAL SPECIAL TAX FOR POLICE
AND DISPATCH SALARIES AND BENEFITS IN ORDER TO PAVE A PATH FOR AN
UPDATED AND MODERNIZED SPECIAL TAX MEASURE.**

Voting YES repeals the outdated \$80 legacy Measure A special tax for police and dispatch salaries and benefits.

Bear Valley's legacy and outdated police tax must be modernized and updated. The legacy tax measure includes no citizen oversight or fiscal audits or reports. Legacy tax revenues are limited to salaries and benefits and may not be used for operational costs, facilities and other necessary police expenses.

A modernized tax measure planned to be submitted to voters in early 2027 will fix these shortcomings. The modernized tax will require citizen oversight, audits, reporting and will authorize broad use of revenue for police needs including rural crime prevention, welfare checks and wildlife safety.

While the Board of Directors claims modernization is unnecessary because BVCSO audits are performed annually, there is no specific oversight or audits built into the legacy tax. The District intends to include these elements in its forthcoming tax proposal. Why would the District include audits and oversight in the new tax if it is unnecessary?

Voting YES prevents having TWO separate unconsolidated taxes. Voters will have opportunity to approve or reject ONE SINGLE new police tax when the Board of Directors moves forward to place it on a ballot.

It is necessary to repeal the existing, outdated legacy tax measure so voters can consider a single updated tax measure in 2027 not subject to the limits and shortcomings of the legacy Measure A special tax. Modernization will ensure a police tax that is unified under a single transparent umbrella instead of piece-meal.

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