



Ballot Measure Primary Argument Submission Form

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Ballot Measure N for the City of McFarland 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:
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Argument in Favor of Measure N

Adopt the McFarland City Charter

A **YES** vote on Measure N gives McFarland greater local control over its future while keeping all the protections and services residents expect from their city government.

The proposed City Charter serves as McFarland's local constitution. It allows decisions about local municipal affairs to be made by local elected officials accountable to McFarland voters rather than relying solely on one-size-fits-all state laws designed for cities across California.

A charter city remains subject to state and federal laws on matters of statewide concern, including public safety, environmental protection, labor laws, and constitutional rights. However, the charter provides additional flexibility in areas such as municipal contracting, election administration, governance, and other local affairs where local solutions often work best.

The proposed charter was developed through a transparent process that included citizen advisory committee meetings, public hearings, and opportunities for community input. It reflects McFarland's values, priorities, and commitment to responsible local government.

Adopting a charter can help the City respond more effectively to local needs, pursue economic development opportunities, improve efficiency, and provide greater certainty in municipal operations. Most importantly, it keeps decision-making closer to the people most affected by those decisions: the residents of McFarland.

This measure does not create a new government. It does not eliminate voter rights. It does not affect existing constitutional protections. Instead, it provides McFarland with greater authority to manage its own municipal affairs while remaining fully accountable to local voters.

A YES vote is a vote for local control, local accountability, and local decision-making.

Vote YES on Measure N.

Submitted by:

Mayor Saul Ayon

Vice Mayor Ricardo Cano

Coach Jim White

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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2.	Name: Ricardo Uano	Title: Vice Mayor	☐	☐
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