



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.**

Word count limit = 300 words

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Ballot Measure D for the Tehachapi Unified School District to be held on November 03, 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: <u>Tehachapi Unified School District</u>
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☐	Member(s) of 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: _____
☐	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: _____
	Contact Person's Printed Name: _____
	Phone: _____ Email: _____
☐	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.
1.	Name: Steven Denman	Title: Retired Teacher	☒	☐
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Address:		Date: 8/12/26		
2.	Name: Joan Pogon-Gord	Title: Retired teacher/coach	☒	☐
Phone: 661-331-0599		Email: jgord@icloud.com	For translation purposes only He/His: ☐ She/Her: ☒	
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3.	Name: Sylvia S. Chavez	Title: Retired	☒	☐
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4.	Name: Kris Krempien	Title: Teacher/Coach	☒	☐
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Address:		Date: 8/12/26		
5.	Name: Valerie Ruth Richter Bowman	Title: Teacher / TAT Association President	☒	☐
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Signature:				

Argument in Favor of Measure D

Tehachapi Unified School District

Our schools are our community's most important shared asset. Whether or not you have school-aged children, investing in our local schools safeguards property values and enhances overall quality of life.

TUSD has demonstrated responsible stewardship of taxpayer funds and district assets. The District refinanced past bonds saving taxpayers over \$1.3 million and paid them off in 2022. Today, TUSD has zero outstanding bond debt and \$0 in school bond taxes on local property bills.

Having exhausted all existing funding avenues, Measure D is a prudent, necessary reinvestment in our existing school facilities focused strictly on modernization of current facilities, not broad expansion.

Guided by two years of facility assessments and community input, Measure D addresses urgent repairs and long-awaited campus priorities:

- **Essential Repairs & Safety:** Replace aging campus roofs, replace failing heating and cooling (HVAC) systems, and upgrade district-wide security access controls.
- **Classrooms & Arts:** Modernize aging classrooms and gymnasium at Jacobsen Middle School, upgrade elementary kindergarten and special education classrooms with appropriate restrooms, and construct dedicated classrooms for performing arts.
- **Athletics & Community Pride:** Complete high school stadium and athletic field improvements so ALL Tehachapi High athletics can finally be hosted right on campus.

Strict Taxpayer Accountability & Protections:

- **100% Local:** Every dollar stays in Tehachapi to improve local schools and cannot be taken by the State.
- **Fiscal Oversight:** Independent annual audits and a Citizens' Oversight Committee guarantee full transparency.
- **No Overhead:** Funds are legally restricted to facilities. No funds can go toward administrator or teacher salaries.

Measure D is a responsible investment in our students and our community's future. Please join us in voting **YES ON MEASURE D!**