

**Ballot Measure Rebuttal Argument Submission Form**

If both an argument in favor of and an argument against a measure have been selected for publication in the Sample Ballot & Official Voter Information Guide a **typed** rebuttal to the argument in favor of or the argument against the measure may be submitted as outlined in this form.

The author(s) of the primary argument of the measure may prepare and submit a rebuttal argument or may authorize in writing any other person or persons to prepare, submit, or sign the rebuttal argument.

A rebuttal argument will not be accepted unless accompanied by this completed 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 for rebuttal arguments = 250 words

Ballot Measure S for the Bear Valley CSD to be held on November 3, 2026

☐ Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure

☒ Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure

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If the rebuttal argument is signed by the same individual(s) as those already selected for the Voter Information Guide for the primary argument, check the following box.



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The author(s) of the primary argument may authorize any other person or persons to sign the rebuttal argument. If signers are new for the rebuttal argument, please check the following box and attach the written authorization (the Authorization Form to Change in Signers of Rebuttal Argument) from the primary argument author(s).



Rebuttal argument is signed by new signers as authorized by primary argument author(s)

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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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Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure S

If the existing police tax isn't outdated, why is the BVCSD Board of Directors intending to call a special election in March for a new police tax measure? The answer is, they want two taxes. There shouldn't be two taxes for the same thing. There should be one tax, and voters should get to decide it.

Measure S prevents Bear Valley from having multiple confusing tax measures for police services. Measure S affords voters the opportunity to accept or reject a single, consolidated police tax when the Board of Directors proposes a modern replacement tax measure in March.

BVCSD Board members have insisted the upcoming modernized tax measure must include citizen oversight. Measure S thus ensures all police tax money will be protected by citizen oversight.

Voting YES on Measure S repeals the existing legacy police tax, ensuring voters will get to decide on a single, modernized police tax protected by citizen oversight as the Board of Directors moves forward.

Yes on Measure S.