



Ballot Measure Rebuttal Argument Submission Form

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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 N for the City of McFarland to be held on November 3, 2026

☒ Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure ☒ Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure

Signed by Same Individual(s) Selected for the Voter Information Guide for the Primary Argument

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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Rebuttal argument is signed by the same individual(s) selected for the Voter Information Guide for the primary argument.

Contact Person's Printed Name:

Phone:

Email:

Signed by Different Individual(s) than Individual(s) Selected for the Voter Information Guide for the Primary Argument

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).

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

Contact Person's Printed Name:

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Arguments will be emailed to the contact person listed here for review before they are printed in the Sample Ballot and Official Voter Information Guide.

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Authorization Form for Change in Signers of Rebuttal Arguments

Pursuant to California Elections Code 9167, 9317, and 9504, the author(s) of the primary argument in favor of or against a measure may authorize in writing any other person or persons to sign the rebuttal argument.

The undersigned author(s) of the primary argument hereby authorize(s) the following individual(s) to sign (up to five) the rebuttal argument to the primary argument in favor of/against (circle one)

Measure N for the Election to be held on November 3, 2026 :

(date of election)

NEW SIGNER(S) PRINT CLEARLY:

Name of Rebuttal Argument Signer: Victor Oropeza

Name of Rebuttal Argument Signer: Tony Blanco

Name of Rebuttal Argument Signer: _____

Name of Rebuttal Argument Signer: _____

Name of Rebuttal Argument Signer: _____

(The new signers listed here must sign the Ballot Measure Rebuttal Argument Submission Form)

Name(s) & Signature _____

Saul Ayon

Printed Name &

8/14/2026

Date

Ricardo Cano

Printed Name & Signature of Author

8/14/2026

Date

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Rebuttal 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: Victor Oropeza	Title: Charter Committee	☐	☐
Phone:		Email:	For translation purposes only He/His: ☒ She/Her: ☐	
Address:				
Signature:		Date: 8/17/2026		
2.	Name: Tony Blanco	Title: Charter Committee	☐	☐
Phone: 661-667-8440		Email: 8/17/2026	For translation purposes only He/His: ☒ She/Her: ☐	
Address:				
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3.	Name: Jim White	Title: Charter Committee	☐	☐
Phone: 661-792-3091		Email:	For translation purposes only He/His: ☒ She/Her: ☐	
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The argument against Measure N was not written by McFarland residents. It comes from outside special-interest groups based in Orange County and the Bay Area, organizations that have no stake in our community's needs, priorities, or future. Their claims misrepresent what the proposed Charter does.

Measure N does not eliminate competitive bidding, taxpayer protections, or ethical safeguards. State and federal laws still apply, including requirements for transparency, public meetings, financial reporting, and anti-corruption rules. In fact, the Charter adds **additional accountability measures** that go beyond state minimums, requiring clearer public reporting, stronger disclosure standards, and direct voter oversight of key decisions.

The opponents criticize the Charter for providing flexibility, but flexibility is exactly what McFarland needs to improve public works, streamline contracting, and respond quickly to local infrastructure and economic-development opportunities. Local control means local accountability, your elected City Council remains fully answerable to McFarland voters, not Sacramento bureaucracies or outside advocacy groups.

The Charter does not grant “sweeping powers” without limits. It establishes a framework that still requires ordinances, public hearings, and community oversight. Any future rules must be adopted publicly, with voter input and full transparency. That is how local democracy works, and Measure N enhances these requirements, ensuring more openness than the state currently mandates.

Don't let organizations from hundreds of miles away tell McFarland how to govern itself. Measure N strengthens local decision-making and ensures that McFarland, not outside interests, sets the rules for its own future.

Vote YES on Measure N for real local control.

s/Victor Oropeza, Charter Committee;

s/Tony Blanco, Charter Committee;

s/Jim White, Charter Committee