

**CITY OF CLOVERDALE
 NOTICE TO VOTERS OF SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURES
 FOR THE FILING OF BALLOT ARGUMENTS
 FOR A CITY SPONSORED MEASURE FOR THE
 NOVEMBER 3, 2020 MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

Notice is given that at the General Municipal Election is to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, in the City of Cloverdale there will be submitted to the voters the following measure:

MEASURE R Cloverdale Extension of Utility User Tax Measure. To maintain important City services, including: repairing potholes/streets; installing City power backup systems for PG&E power shutdowns; preparing/responding to natural disasters/health emergencies; maintaining rapid 911 response; supporting youth/ teen programs; and other City services; shall Cloverdale’s measure extending the existing voter-approved Utility Users Tax at the current 3%, without increasing the rate, until ended by voters, providing \$445,000 annually, exempting low-income seniors, requiring citizen oversight, with no money for Sacramento, be adopted?	YES []
	NO []

Schedules

The **Argument** filing period closes at **5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 2020.** (EC 9286)

The **Rebuttal** filing period closes at **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 27, 2020.** (EC 9285)

Any measure, city attorney’s impartial analysis, or primary argument filed will be available for public examination in the City Clerk’s Office for not less than ten calendar days from the deadline for the filing of the arguments and analyses. Any rebuttal argument filed will be available for public examination in the City Clerk’s office for not less than ten calendar days from the deadline for filing rebuttal arguments.

All primary and rebuttal arguments, along with the appropriate signature forms, must be hand delivered to the City Clerk, at City Hall, 124 N. Cloverdale, Cloverdale, CA by appointment by the deadlines stated above.

Procedures

Primary Arguments for or against ballot measures shall not exceed 300 words in length. Rebuttal Arguments for or against ballot measures shall not exceed 250 words in length. (EC 9282, 9285). The word count will be determined using the standards set forth in Elections Code Section 9.

If more than one argument is submitted on a measure, the City Clerk shall select the argument and shall give preference, in the order named, to arguments of the following: (EC 9287)

1. The legislative body, or member or members of the legislative body authorized by that body.
2. The individual voter or bona fide association of citizens, or combination of voters and associations, who are bona fide sponsors or proponents of the measure.
3. Bona fide associations of citizens.
4. Individual voters eligible to vote on the measure.

If more than one argument from the same level of standing is submitted, the argument to be printed will be determined by the drawing of lots by the City Clerk.

Each ballot argument must be accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the person or persons submitting it or, if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers. (EC 9283)

The Elections Code does not define “bona fide association of citizens” nor does it state who may be a member, or if any, or all of the members must live in the jurisdiction that is voting on the measure.

Similarly, the Code does not require that the signors of the argument, when filed by a bona fide association of citizens, must reside or be registered to vote in the jurisdiction that is voting on the measure. In order to be considered a “bona fide association” for filing an argument, the organization or association must submit one of the following: a) articles of incorporation, b) a Form 410 Statement of Organization establishing the group or organization as a primarily formed ballot measure committee to support or oppose the measure; c) letterhead with the name of the organization and its principal officers, or d) some other written document indicating the same.

No more than five signatures shall appear with any argument. In case any argument is signed by more than five persons, the signatures of the first five shall be printed. (EC 9283) The author or a majority of the authors of the argument 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. (EC 9285)

A **Statement of Accuracy Form** must be submitted to the City Clerk along with the text of the argument. (EC 9600) If the author(s) designate someone to sign the rebuttal argument in place of the author, an **Authorization Form** must be submitted to the City Clerk along with the text of the rebuttal argument. A **Consent Form** must be submitted in order to use the name of an individual or organization within the text of the argument.

The City Clerk, upon receipt of arguments and after the filing deadline, will immediately transmit copies to any known opposing parties who may then submit rebuttals within the time period shown above.

Arguments may be changed or withdrawn up to the filing deadline. **Arguments received prior to the deadline are confidential until the deadline.** (EC 9286)

Only those person(s) whose argument has been selected by the City Clerk in accordance with Elections Code Section 9287 may file a rebuttal argument. If the author(s) designate someone to sign the rebuttal argument in place of the author, both the signer of the argument and the signer of the rebuttal argument must sign and submit the Release for Rebuttal Arguments Form, to the City Clerk along with the rebuttal argument. (EC 9285)

Arguments and rebuttals must be typed or printed from a computer. Hand written arguments will not be accepted. If prepared on a computer, the argument should also be submitted in an electronic format as prescribed by the City Clerk.

All primary and rebuttal arguments, along with the appropriate signature forms, must be hand delivered to the City Clerk, at City Hall, 124 N. Cloverdale Blvd., Cloverdale, CA during normal business hours by the deadlines stated above. For additional information contact the City Clerk at (707) 894-1712 or email: iwerby@ci.cloverdale.ca.us

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