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ARGUMENTS

FORM OF STATEMENT TO BE FILED BY AUTHORS OF ARGUMENTS

All arguments concerning measures filed pursuant to Division 9, Chapter 3 (beginning with § 9200) of the Elections Code shall be accompanied by the following form statement to be signed by each proponent, and by each author, if different, of the argument:

The undersigned proponents or authors of the rebuttal argument in favor of ballot proposition Transient Occupancy Tax Increase at the General Municipal Election for the City of Needles to be held on November 4, 2014 hereby state that the argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Print Name	<u>Pamela J Blake</u>	Signature	<i>Pamela J Blake</i>
Title	<u>Board member Needles Chamber of Commerce</u>	Date	<u>7-22-14</u>
Print Name	<u>Georgia Breault</u>	Signature	<i>Georgia Breault</i>
Title	<u>owner California RV Park</u>	Date	<u>7/22/14</u>

All Authors must print his/her name **and sign this form** (EC 9600)

AND

Print his/her name **and sign the Argument itself** (EC 9283)

AND

Print his/her name **and sign the Rebuttal Argument itself** (EC 9285)

Further, pursuant to Election Code § 9282, printed arguments submitted to the voters shall be titled either "Argument In Favor Of Measure \_\_\_" or "Argument Against Measure \_\_\_".

Likewise, printed rebuttal arguments submitted pursuant to Election Code § 9285 shall be titled either "Rebuttal To Argument In Favor Of Measure \_\_\_" or "Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure \_\_\_".

Give this form to Council Members, Proponents, and Opponents of Measures

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REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT FOR MEASURE \_\_\_\_\_

The proponents argue that the measure is designed to appeal to residents of the district. Is this logical? The residents will always pay the price for tax increases, either by paying the tax themselves, or by losing businesses due to higher prices and forced closures.

As we stated previously, the TOT (bed tax) in surrounding communities is either non existent or is lower than our current tax. A raise in this tax can drastically hurt the tourism industry for Needles by forcing the lodging businesses to raise their rates.

We agree that infrastructure improvement and maintenance should be borne by its users. A far heavier user of our roads are the commercial trucks that pass through on the way to Bullhead City or the new distribution center in Mohave Valley. It is our belief the City should find a way to tax or charge a use fee for these trucks to use Broadway, Hwy 95 and K Street.

It is true that the City's revenue has been declining. This shortfall, however, should not become the responsibility of the individual businesses or citizens. By carefully managing their revenues, the City would not need to raise any taxes.

We encourage your NO vote on increasing our tax.

sw'd 7-22-14  
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Board member  
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