

Argument Opposing Amendments to Charter Section 709
Measure A

Santa Clara County is one of the safest counties in the country largely due to the excellent public health and safety services it provides to its residents. We are safer because we've recruited and retained the best talent in highly skilled fields. Measure A jeopardizes our safety.

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MEASURE A ELIMINATES THE VOTER-APPROVED PROTECTIONS in the County Charter that ensure fair wages for highly skilled employees, and it eliminates taxpayer protections on quality services that have existed for over 50 years.

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Measure A WILL NOT SAVE THE TAXPAYERS MONEY. In fact, it will cost the taxpayers in the form of second-rate services and compromised health care.

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MEASURE A MAKES WORSE THE CURRENT STAFFING CRISIS FOR QUALIFIED NURSES in our hospitals. The Emergency Room at Valley Medical Center is forced to close up two thirds of its capacity nightly because the County lacks experienced nurses to provide quality care. By preventing comparisons to other local hospitals when determining salary and benefits, Measure A will cause the county to lose qualified nurses to private hospitals.

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MEASURE A COMPROMISES QUALITY HEALTH care by preventing the County from attracting doctors from the best medical schools and will force our experienced doctors to leave for the private sector.

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MEASURE A CRIPPLES OUR ABILITY TO PROSECUTE CRIMINALS SUCCESSFULLY. Between 1999-2000, the County lost 25% of its District Attorneys to the private sector. Measure A will impair the DA's ability to recruit and retain the best and most experienced prosecutors to protect the public safety.

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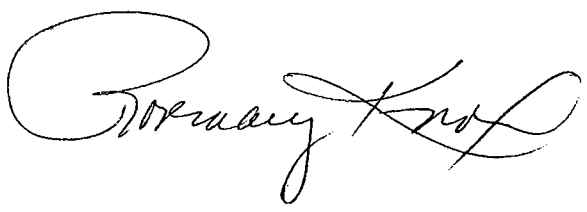
County government must compete with the private sector for employees in similar fields. Rejecting Measure A will ensure that we can continue to recruit the best people in the critical fields of public health and safety.

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We urge you to vote NO on Measure A.

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Submission of Argument

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Elections Code § 9501 states that the governing board of the district or any member or members of the board authorized by the board, or any individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure, or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of such voters and associations may file a written argument for or against any school measure.

Elections Code § 9501.5 states that a ballot argument shall not be accepted unless accompanied by the printed name and signature or printed names and signatures of the person or persons submitting it or, if submitted on behalf of a bona fide organization, the name of the organization and printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers.

Place a check mark in the appropriate box below indicating which category qualifies you to submit this argument, complete the election information, and the appropriate section(s) as instructed.

- Governing board of the district or any member or members of the board authorized by the board. (Complete Section 1 and 3 below)
- Bona fide association of citizens. (Complete Section 1 and 3 below)
- Individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure. (Complete Section 2 and 3 below)
- Combination of voter and bona fide associations. (Complete Section 1, 2 and 3 below)

November 2, 2004 County of Santa Clara Against **A**
Election Date Jurisdiction Argument in Favor or Against

Section 1 – Bona Fide Association Submitting

Registered Nurses Professional Association
Name of Organization

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Signature of Principal Officer Printed Name

Section 2 – Eligible Voter(s) Submitting

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ARGUMENT DECLARATION BY AUTHOR(S) (Elections Code § 9600)

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA By [Signature] Deputy

The undersigned author(s) of the argument in favor of/against ballot measure A at the November SPECIAL election for the County of Santa Clara to be held on November 2, 2004 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

President, Registered Nurses Professional Association

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