

## RESOLUTION NO. 2020-059

### RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATASCADERO, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS FOR CITY MEASURES SUBMITTED AT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

**WHEREAS**, § 9282 of the Elections Code of the State of California provides for written arguments to be filed in favor of or against city measures not to exceed 300 words in length; and

**WHEREAS**, § 9285 of the Elections Code of the State of California authorizes the City Council, by majority vote, to adopt provisions to provide for the filing of rebuttal arguments for city measures submitted at municipal elections.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Atascadero:

**SECTION 1.** That pursuant to Section 9285 of the Elections Code of the State of California, when the elections official has selected the arguments for and against the measure (not exceeding 300 words each) which will be printed and distributed to the voters, the elections official shall send a copy of an argument in favor of the measure to the authors of any argument against the measure, and a copy of an argument against the measure to the authors of any argument in favor of the measure immediately upon receiving the arguments.

The author or a majority of the authors of an argument relating to a city measure may prepare and submit a rebuttal argument not exceeding 250 words or may authorize in writing any other person or persons to prepare, submit or sign the rebuttal argument.

A rebuttal argument may not be signed by more than five authors.

The rebuttal arguments shall be filed with the City Clerk, signed, with the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) 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, **not more than 10 days after** the final date for filing direct arguments. The rebuttal arguments shall be accompanied by the Form of Statement To Be Filed By Author(s) of Argument.

Rebuttal arguments shall be printed in the same manner as the direct arguments. Each rebuttal argument shall immediately follow the direct argument, which it seeks to rebut.

**SECTION 2.** That all previous resolutions providing for the filing of rebuttal arguments for city measures are repealed.

**SECTION 3.** That the provisions of Section 1 shall apply at the next ensuing municipal election and at each municipal election after that time.

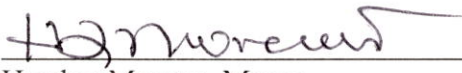
**SECTION 4.** That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 14th day of July, 2020.

On motion by Council Member Newsom and seconded by Council Member Funk, the foregoing Resolution is hereby adopted on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Members Bourbeau, Fonzi, Funk, Newsom and Mayor Moreno  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

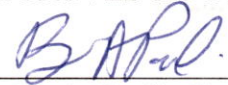
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Heather Moreno, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Lara K. Christensen, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Brian A. Pierik, City Attorney