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ARGUMENTS AND REBUTTAL FORM

ELECTION DATE: November 5th, 2024 MEASURE I.D. (If any): PS; FP; PF
JURISDICTION: City of Redondo Beach

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Form with four checkboxes: Direct Argument in Favor (Supporters), Direct Argument Against (Opponents), Rebuttal to Argument in Favor, and Rebuttal to Argument Against. The 'Direct Argument Against (Opponents)' checkbox is checked.

Statements will be printed in uniform type, style and spacing according to the County's system requirements. When preparing your statement, please use block paragraphs and single space format. Entire statements in all capital letters, bold and italics (or any combination of enhancements) are not acceptable. Indentations cannot be accommodated. Words to be printed in boldface type, underscored and/or CAPITALIZED are to be clearly indicated. All statements should be checked by the authors for spelling and punctuation as the elections official is not permitted to edit any material contained therein. NOTE: Rebuttal arguments are not direct arguments. For example, a rebuttal to a direct argument in favor of a measure is NOT a direct argument against a measure. Please also note that rebuttal arguments are allowed only when both a direct argument for AND against a measure are filed. Word limit for direct Arguments in favor and against may not exceed 300 words, Rebuttals for and against may not exceed 250 words.

OFFICIAL BALLOT MEASURE LABEL

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John Cruikshank, Los Angeles County Taxpayers Association

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This bond measure is a financial trap for Redondo Beach citizens, committing taxpayers to over \$182 million in debt with no clear plan for how the money will be used. It was rushed through just four City Council meetings, lacking the detailed plans and project timelines that such a large financial commitment demands.

The Council hasn't thoroughly discussed what will be built, and there's no agreement on the steps moving forward. A city contractor quickly estimated the conditions of each building, but actual repair costs are largely unknown. Even the Public Works Director acknowledged, "So much we don't know right now," reflecting a lack of information needed to make informed decisions. Critical projects like the city's fire stations are included in the bond, but there's still no agreement on how they will be replaced with the proper amenities to serve our community effectively.

Parts of the bond are also misleading. It includes nearly \$13 million to renovate a "police annex," that isn't even owned by the city but by the school district. The Police Chief has described this building as nothing more than office space, raising questions about the necessity of such a large investment in a non-essential property.

This bond is essentially a blank check for the city, with the City Manager admitting, "How we ultimately spend the money...has yet to be determined." This lack of transparency and planning is unacceptable. Other bonds have communicated their plans more effectively, providing the detailed information and justifications that taxpayers deserve.

Redondo Beach needs to approach this responsibly, with a well-thought-out plan that prioritizes the needs of our community. Vote NO on this bond, which is just a pile of money for the city to figure out later.

## DECLARATION BY AUTHOR(S) OF ARGUMENTS OR REBUTTALS INCLUDING THE OFFICIAL BALLOT LABEL SUPPORTERS/OPPONENTS

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The undersigned author(s) of the:

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of ballot measure (Name and/or letter):

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Jurisdiction Name & Title of Election:

City of Redondo Beach;

to be held on (Date of the Election):

November 5th, 2024

hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

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