Arguments in support or opposition of the proposed laws are the opinions of the authors.
(EC 9282(d))

Rebuttal to Argument In Favor of Measure [ ]
Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure [ ]

Mountain View residents voted overwhelmingly in 2016 to legalize, regulate, and tax medical and recreational cannabis sales to adults. Consequently, the City Council directed city staff to carefully develop a reasonable regulatory framework and permitting process that enables the Police Department and other staff to screen and select vendors beginning in late 2018.

This measure is simple but necessary: it authorizes the City Council to set a cannabis gross receipts tax of up to 9%. This level, similar to tax rates in other communities, is designed to encourage the creation of legal, regulated, and monitored cannabis businesses while avoiding driving the market underground. These businesses will be primarily devoted to the sale of cannabis, not its use. They will be required to adhere to strict testing requirements that ensure product quality and safety.

Based on State data, this new tax is estimated to generate approximately $1 million annually, providing a stable revenue source to support any public health or safety impacts of legalization, as well as critical general services such as 9-1-1, road repairs, the library, park maintenance, and senior services.

Vote YES on Measure [ ] for a sensible approach to the legalization of cannabis in Mountain View.

The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the (primary/rebuttal) argument (in favor of / against) Ballot Measure [ ] at the General Municipal Election for the City of Mountain View to be held on November 6, 2018 hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of (his/her/their) knowledge and belief.

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