

# AB 1416: Ballot Disclose Act

PER SECTION 9170(d):

ELECTIONS DIVISION REQUESTING B.O.S. APPROVE OPTING OUT OF LISTING  
SUPPORTERS AND OPPONENTS OF LOCAL MEASURES ON THE BALLOT

# Board Concerns to be Addressed

- I. Transparency
- II. Cost
- III. Opting Out, not Opting In

# I. County Voter Information Guide (V.I.G.)

- ▶ All supporter and opponent information is already listed in the County Voter Information Guide and on the web, including arguments and names
- ▶ Therefore, listing this information on the ballot is redundant
- ▶ There is only so much real estate on the ballot, which is why this information is in the Voter Information Guide to begin with

# Example of County V.I.G.

## ▶ County VIG from 2022 Primary

<b>ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE V2022 GUADALUPE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>	<b>ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE V2022 GUADALUPE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>
<p>Every student deserves to learn in quality school facilities. Your YES VOTE on Measure V will prepare generations of our local children for future success. While our teachers and staff do their best in educating our children, many classrooms and school facilities at the Guadalupe Union School District are outdated and inadequate to provide students with the facilities they need to succeed. Furthermore, our schools are overcrowded.</p> <p>Measure V as well as an accompanying Measure W will help the district to address our school needs by providing funding to build a new junior high school and to complete the funding for a new community gymnasium. Also, passing these measures will bring in nearly \$19 million from the State to fix our schools.</p> <p>If passed, Measure V will provide funding to make critical facility improvements including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constructing a new junior high school to reduce student overcrowding</li> <li>• Building a new gymnasium for school and community use</li> <li>• Constructing new classrooms and labs for science and career technical education</li> <li>• Improving student access to computers and modern technology</li> </ul> <p>Measure V makes financial sense and protects taxpayers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All funds must be spent locally and cannot be taken by the State.</li> <li>• Passing these measures will qualify the District to receive nearly \$19 million from the State to help pay for these projects</li> <li>• By law, spending must be reviewed and annually audited by an independent citizens' oversight committee.</li> <li>• Funds can only be spent to improve our local schools, not for teacher or administrator salaries.</li> </ul> <p>Measure V constructs a new junior high school, builds new classrooms and a community gym, improves the education of local children, and maintains the quality of our community. It's a smart investment in our kids and Guadalupe. That's something we can all support. Please join us and VOTE YES ON MEASURE V!</p> <p>The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the primary argument in favor of Ballot Measure V2022 at the Statewide General Election for Santa Barbara County to be held on November 9, 2022, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.</p>	<p>No argument against this measure was filed.</p>
<p>/s/ Diana Arriola 08/03/2022 /s/ Kelli Brill 08/03/2022 /s/ Ariston Julian 07/29/2022 /s/ Jose Pereyra 08/02/2022 /s/ Roberto Rodriguez 07/28/2022</p>	

## II. Significant Tangible and Intangible Cost

- The impact of this bill will assuredly add cost to administering future elections, namely for the following additional requirements:
  - Ballot layout, design, translation and proofing by staff
  - Work required by staff to confirm listing and documentation submitted meet requirements
  - Equipment needs to handle multiple ballot cards
  - Also, these additional costs are likely to impact local jurisdictions that bring measures to the ballot
- The intangible cost to the ballot itself and the voting process in general must be considered
  - Multiple ballot cards will lengthen the voting process and cause reconciliation difficulties
  - The measure politicizes the ballot and has the potential to cause voter confusion

### III. Approve Opt-Out

- ❑ This resolution would approve opting out of printing supporter and opponent information on the ballot for future elections
- ❑ This is for local measures only, not state measures
- ❑ There is not an opt-in option, only an opt-out
- ❑ The resolution may be rescinded in the future with Board action