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CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## MEMORANDUM

March 16, 2006

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Michael Allen, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board  
Re: Departmental Item #1, March 21, 2006 Agenda -  
Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure H 2006

On March 7, 2006 the Board approved language for the ballot argument in opposition to measure H 2006, the Mission County Formation Ballot Measure. Two arguments in favor of Measure H were submitted as of the deadline on March 15, 2006. Joe Holland, County Clerk, Recorder-Assessor & Registrar of Voters has selected, pursuant to Elections Code Section 9166, the argument in support of Measure H that will appear on the ballot (attached). Pursuant to Section 9167 of the Elections Code, the authors (of the arguments in favor of and in opposition to Measure H) may prepare and submit rebuttal arguments up until 5:00 PM on Friday March 24, 2006.

Consistent with direction of the Board on March 7, Supervisors Firestone and Carbajal will provide a draft argument in rebuttal to the argument in favor of measure H at the Board meeting on March 21, 2006. The Board may adopt the rebuttal argument as submitted or amended at the meeting, authorize an individual or individuals (up to three) to write and submit the rebuttal argument (may be Supervisors acting as individuals or members of the public) or the Board could elect to not submit a rebuttal to the argument in favor of Measure H.

In addition, attached are instructions for the submission of rebuttal arguments. If you should have any questions, please contact me at 568-2240.

Cc:

Michael F. Brown, County Executive Officer  
Joseph E. Holland, County Clerk, Recorder and Assessor & Registrar of Voters  
Stephen Shane Stark, County Counsel

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**COUNTY CLERK, RECORDER AND ASSESSOR**

March 16, 2006

To: Proponents and Opponents of Measure H2006

From: The County Clerk, Recorder, Assessor &  
Registrar of Voters

Subject: Rebuttal Arguments for Measure H2006

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
CLERK OF THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS


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Dear Proponents and Opponents,

Arguments have been submitted in favor of and against Measure H2006. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9167, I am enclosing a copy of the argument in favor of the measure to the authors of the argument against, and a copy of the argument against the measure to the author of the argument in favor. The authors may prepare and submit rebuttal arguments. Instructions for submitting rebuttal arguments are attached.

If you have any questions, please contact Bob Smith at (805) 568-2204. Please remember that rebuttal arguments must be submitted by 5:00 P.M. on March 24, 2006, and must be in the prescribed format.

Sincerely,

  
Joseph E. Holland  
County Clerk, Recorder and Assessor &  
Registrar of Voters

REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS

The authors of direct arguments for and against Measure H2006, may prepare and submit rebuttal arguments not exceeding 250 words in length as prescribed by Elections Code Sections 9167 and 9600.

All rebuttal arguments shall be typed and in paragraph form using upper and lowercase format. All rebuttal arguments shall be accompanied by the following form statement, to be signed by each author of the rebuttal argument:

The undersigned author(s) of the rebuttal argument to Argument \_\_\_\_\_ Measure H2006 at the Direct Primary Election In Favor/Against \_\_\_\_\_ hereby state(s) that such rebuttal argument is true and correct to the best of \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge and belief.  
his/her/their

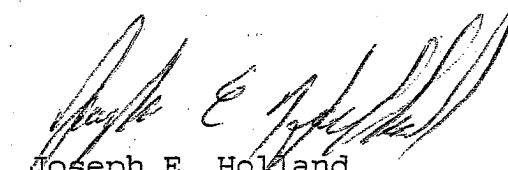
Signed

Date

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The rebuttal arguments shall be filed in the office of the Registrar of Voters, 130 East Victoria Street, Suite 200, Santa Barbara, California 93101 by the deadline of 5:00 p.m., March 24, 2006.

Following the deadline for filing, all rebuttal arguments are public record. The ten-day public examination period for the direct arguments, rebuttal arguments and impartial analysis is from March 25, 2006, to 5:00 p.m. on April 3, 2006.

  
Joseph E. Holland  
County Clerk, Recorder and Assessor &  
Registrar of Voters

**Please vote YES on Measure H**

Measure H is an opportunity, rare in history, to have a say in creating a new and better county government that is more responsive and closer to the people.

Santa Barbara County has two separate regions with different lifestyles, different costs of living, different types of industry, and different ideas about how people, property and business should be regulated by government. The current county government is based around the priorities and beliefs of south county communities and distributes the majority of resources and funds to the south. The hard working people of the north county have never had a government that has adequately addressed their needs and priorities. Instead, the existing government has restricted industry and access to better paying jobs, has forced people to comply with regulations that do not fit, and has never given back a proportional share of resources. Over the years, the current government has become inefficient and spends money excessively, much of that because it tries to serve both regions. The current government is one of the highest in the state in per capita spending.

While initially there will be budget constraints in the new county, property tax revenue has increased nearly 7 million dollars from what was indicated in the Commission's Study. In addition, without being saddled with overregulation and an inefficient, overweight bureaucracy, Mission County will benefit significantly in the long term. Mission County will be business friendly. By seeking and welcoming business to relocate and expand in the new county, needed jobs and employment opportunities will be created. This is an investment in a better future for all who live in the new county.

There will be no new taxes involved in this measure. **Any new taxes must be voted on and approved by a two-thirds majority on a separate ballot.**

The creation of a new county does not affect the existing jurisdictions of water districts or school districts.

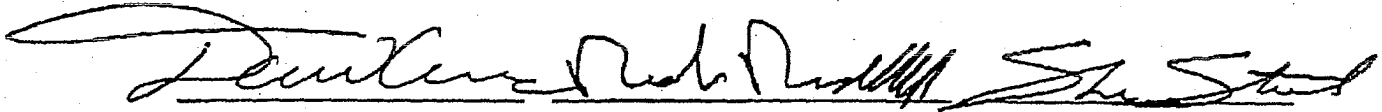
The remaining Santa Barbara County will gain a financial windfall according to the Commission's study and will have no adverse financial impacts.

State Law mandates up to a two year transition period. There will be no disruption of service because the existing county will continue to maintain control as each department is relocated to the new county. The existing Board of Supervisors is lawfully bound to facilitate this transition. Both

Mission County and Santa Barbara County will remain above the state average in population size. Santa Barbara County is currently ranked 23<sup>rd</sup> out of 58. After the new county is created the two will be ranked 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> respectively out of 59.

Measure H is a rare opportunity for the hard working people of Santa Barbara County to control their own destiny and to legally create a new county government that is more responsive and better reflects their way of life. Mission County will become a strong, independent county with a promising future.

We strongly urge you to vote YES on Measure H.



Dave Cross

Richard Russell

Sharon Steele

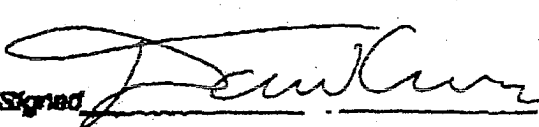
Santa Maria


New Cuyama


Santa Ynez

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The undersigned authors of the primary argument in favor of ballot proposition Measure H at the Direct Primary Election for the County of Santa Barbara to be held on June 6, 2006 hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

1. Signed  Date 3/15/06  
 Printed Name Dave Cross, Santa Maria Business Owner

2. Signed  Date 3-15-06  
 Printed Name Richard Russell, Cuyama Ranch Owner

3. Signed  Date 3/15/06  
 Printed Name Shaen Seelo, Santa Ynez Business Owner