Argument Signature Statement

A ballot argument shall not be accepted unless accompanied by the printed name and signature or printed names and signatures of the person or persons 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 (Elections Code §§9164, 9283, 9501.5).

No more than five signatures shall appear with any argument submitted under this article. In case any argument is signed by more than five persons, the signatures of the first five shall be printed (Elections Code §§9164, 9283, 9501.5).

All arguments concerning measures filed pursuant to this division shall be accompanied by the following form statement, to be **signed by each proponent** of the argument (Elections Code §9600):

"The ur	ndersigned proponent(s) or signer(s) of the:		
	□ Primary argument for□ Rebuttal to argument for□	Primary argument against Rebuttal to argument against	
ballot measure (insert letter) at the □ Primary ⊠ General □ Special			
election for the			
to be held on hereby state that this argument is true and (Election date)			
correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief."			
Signatures of proponents (in order of appearance in the voter information guide):			
` '	Printed Name CHAPS PODURY Signature Chap Poduca	Title (one) COUNCIL MEN Date 8/13/24	BtR
	Printed Name JOSEPH ANTHONY A. Signature John Hory Carelo	Date 9-13-2024	EA
	Printed Name TINARAW Signature	Title (one) (ANDIDATE FOR C	ITY CONVCIL
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ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE Z

Background:

- In 1927 the citizens of Pacific Grove voted to adopt a charter that included as one of its provisions a seven-member city council.
- In 2022 a council elected under that same provision proposed by means of a ballot measure that the charter be amended to reduce the size of the council from 6 to 4 and for no good reason. Pacific Grove voted against this change (measure O) in 2022.
- The present Council refuses to accept the 2022 ballot decision and the majority vote of the citizens of Pacific Grove.
- Meanwhile Pacific Grove is expected to increase its voter base by as much as 20% in the coming years with its housing initiatives. Why should we decrease Council's representation now?

The proposed amendment runs counter to our community's commitment to expanding representative democracy, diversity, equity, and opportunities for public service and citizen participation.

Having a seven-member council has so far resulted in:

- More opportunities for citizens to serve
- Broader and more diverse representation
- More voices weighing in on important decisions
- Wider sharing of Council duties
- Increased regional agency participation

The people of Pacific Grove have benefited from having a seven-member council for 97 years. The proposed charter amendment is unjustified.

Please vote NO.

Respectfully,

Chaps Poduri, Councilmember, City of Pacific Grove Joe Amelio, Councilmember, City of Pacific Grove Tina Rau, Candidate for Pacific Grove City Council

