

APPENDIX D – Required Form 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. If 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 undersigned proponent(s) or signer(s) of the:

- ☒ Primary argument in favor ☐ Primary argument against
☐ Rebuttal to argument in favor ☐ Rebuttal to argument against

ballot measure (insert letter) O at the ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Special

election for the City of Pacific Grove

(jurisdiction – name of district)

to be held on November 8, 2022 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):

(1)	Printed Name <u>Bill Peake</u>	Title (one) <u>Mayor</u>
	Signature <u>Bill Peake</u>	Date <u>8/15/22</u>
(2)	Printed Name <u>Nick Smith</u>	Title (one) <u>Councilmember</u>
	Signature <u>N. Smith</u>	Date <u>8/15/22</u>
(3)	Printed Name <u>Jenny McAdams</u>	Title (one) <u>Councilmember</u>
	Signature <u>Jenny McAdams</u>	Date <u>8/15/22</u>
(4)	Printed Name <u>Amy Tomlinson</u>	Title (one) <u>Councilmember</u>
	Signature <u>Amy Tomlinson</u>	Date <u>8/15/22</u>
(5)	Printed Name <u>Luke Coletti</u>	Title (one) <u>Councilmember</u>
	Signature <u>Luke Coletti</u>	Date <u>8/16/22</u>

Filer:

(1)	Printed Name <u>Bill Peake</u>	Title (one) <u>Mayor</u>
	Signature <u>Bill Peake</u>	Date <u>8/15/22</u>

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Argument in Favor of Measure O

The City of Pacific Grove has a 7 member Council; 6 Councilmembers and a Mayor. This ballot measure would reduce Council to 4 Councilmembers and a Mayor.

The reduction in Councilmembers would be phased in over 4 years. All currently serving and recently elected Councilmembers would serve their full terms.

Council voting requirements would be amended accordingly. For example, where a majority is needed the number of votes required would be reduced from 4 to 3.

Of the 12 Monterey County cities only Pacific Grove and Salinas have 7 person Councils. Salinas population is 10 times larger than Pacific Grove. 90% of California cities have 5 person Councils.

A 5 person Council will reduce administrative costs, Council salary costs, and promote efficient decision making. With fewer Councilmembers responsiveness to the community and accountability will increase. The National Civic League states smaller city councils are more effective instruments for the development of programs and conduct of municipal business than large local legislative bodies.

Voters would focus on electing 2 Councilmembers per election, not 3. A smaller Council will promote compromise and discourage splitting into factions. Diversity can be addressed by electing Councilmembers that recognize differences in cultures, ideas, backgrounds, and philosophies and consider differences when making decisions.

A 5 person Council would more easily enable a transition to district-based elections, if that were to become necessary. Councilmembers are currently elected at-large. An increasing number of California cities have district-based elections due to the California Voting Rights Act of 2001. Currently 4 Monterey County cities have district-based elections.

Please support this needed measure and help ensure that Pacific Grove will have effective city government; providing financial stability, quality of life and preserving our small town character. Further details about this ballot measure can be found here:

<https://tinyurl.com/Charter-Measure>

Thank you.

Bill Peake, Mayor
Nick Smith, Councilmember
Jenny McAdams, Councilmember
Amy Tomlinson, Councilmember
Luke Coletti, Councilmember

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