

# REBUTTAL ARGUMENT TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE L

**Strengthen our Democracy. Vote YES on Measure L.**

Instant Run-Off Voting (IRV) is used in 50 cities, counties, and states with 13 million voters, including Berkeley, San Francisco, Albany, New York City, and St. Paul, Minnesota. Many states also use it for overseas and military voters.

Winners elected with IRV **have broader support** than Measure J's "delayed" runoff system. Elected leaders genuinely represent their communities, meaning a stronger mandate to govern.

Research shows, that IRV makes it easier for women and candidates of color to run and win. Voters of color like it and use their rankings effectively.

IRV **saves money** for both taxpayers and candidates, bringing the benefits of two rounds of voting into a single higher-turnout, more representative election.

IRV **limits negative campaigning** and creates **coalition-building** in communities. Here is what one candidate said about the system:

*I door knocked a number of people who had signs up for my opponent.... 'The conversation didn't have to stop because they had already pledged to someone else. - Rebecca Noecker, Saint Paul, City Councilmember*

Measure L will **ensure "majority rule"** in a single November election, while *Measure J will decide most elections in a low-turnout spring primary when 50% fewer voters participate than in November.*

Vote Yes on Measure L. It offers all of the advantages of the run-off system proposed by Measure J *without disenfranchising thousands of voters and giving power to big polluters.*

For a stronger democracy, vote **YES on Measure L and NO on Measure J.**

Each Rebuttal Argument may be up to 250 words.

*Election Code 9167, 9317*

The undersigned Proponent(s) or Author(s) hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

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Election Date: **November 5, 2024**

Measure: \_\_\_\_\_