

REBUTTAL ARGUMENT TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE J

Measure J – The Citizens’ Majority Vote Initiative

One-Person One-Vote

Measure J will put an end to Richmond candidates taking office without earning a true majority of votes. It’s the one-person one-vote format that requires candidates to receive a majority of the votes cast to win the election. Simple and long overdue.

Inexpensive for Taxpayers

With Measure J there are no new complicated and expensive voting systems, and the County already administers elections in Richmond where Richmond voters now cast ballots for our County Supervisor and State Legislators. Measure J simply adds Richmond’s candidates to those ballots. Simple and inexpensive.

Easy to Vote, Audit, and Understand

Voting should be made easier, not more complicated. Measure J will align Richmond’s elections with the existing County format and the easy-to-understand one-person one-vote system. It’s easy to audit to eliminate mistakes and maintain voter confidence. Simple and obvious.

Not funded by any industry.

Measure J is a true citizens initiative put on the ballot and supported by thousands of Richmond residents who believe our elected officials should earn a majority of votes cast before taking office. Simple and fair.

Democracy on the Ballot

Democracy is on the ballot in Richmond. To ensure the “will of the majority,” our mayor and city councilmembers should be elected with the support from a majority of Richmond voters. Measure J is the only measure on the ballot that actually requires earning a majority of votes cast before taking office. Simple and true.

Vote YES on Measure J.

Each Rebuttal Argument may be up to 250 words.

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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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