

STATEMENT BY PROPONENTS/AUTHORS OF ARGUMENTS

(Section 9600 of the Elections Code requires that all arguments concerning measures filed pursuant to this division shall be accompanied by the following form statement, to be signed by each proponent and by each author, if different, of the argument).

The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the Rebuttal argument AGAINST
(PRIMARY/REBUTTAL) (IN FAVOR OF/AGAINST)
ballot proposition Measure B at the MARCH 5, 2023 Primary
(NAME OR NUMBER) (TITLE OF ELECTION)
election for the city of Riverside to be held on march 5, 2023
(JURISDICTION) (DATE)

hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of His knowledge and belief.
(HIS/HER/THEIR)

PROponent'S/AUTHOR'S NAME:

SIGNATURE:

1.	<u>Rich Gardner</u> PRINTED NAME (TITLE OPTIONAL) [REDACTED] ADDRESS	<u>[Signature]</u> SIGNATURE [REDACTED] (PHONE) DATE
2.	_____ PRINTED NAME (TITLE OPTIONAL) _____ ADDRESS	_____ SIGNATURE _____ (PHONE) DATE
3.	_____ PRINTED NAME (TITLE OPTIONAL) _____ ADDRESS	_____ SIGNATURE _____ (PHONE) DATE
4.	_____ PRINTED NAME (TITLE OPTIONAL) _____ ADDRESS	_____ SIGNATURE _____ (PHONE) DATE
5.	_____ PRINTED NAME (TITLE OPTIONAL) _____ ADDRESS	_____ SIGNATURE _____ (PHONE) DATE

In order to enable the elections official to determine whether it qualifies as a bona fide association of citizens, an organization or association submitting an argument for or against a measure shall submit with its argument a copy of one of the following:

- (1) Its articles of incorporation, articles of association, partnership documents, bylaws, or similar documents.
- (2) Letterhead containing the name of the organization and its principal officers.
- (3) If the organization or association is a primarily formed committee established to support or oppose the measure, its statement of organization filed pursuant to Section 84101 of the Government Code.

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City of Riverside
City Clerk's Office

Rebuttal

From: Rich Gardner [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Date: Thursday, December 28, 2023 at 08:27 AM PST

Riverside's proposed General Fund Tax demands scrutiny, shifting from a special fund, requiring a 2/3 majority, to a general fund, only needing a majority vote. Concerns about fiscal responsibility stem from the Cheech project's mismanagement and a recent 19% council assistant raise. This tax, labeled for public safety, is a potential blank check for self-serving use, bypassing the stricter requirements of special funds.

Remember the Cheech project's broken promises, costing over \$1 million annually. With dubious claims about public safety benefits and 14 dispensaries approved without citizen input, skepticism grows. Councilman Conder's revelation of cannabis industry influence raises doubts about the decision's legitimacy. Our city attorney disputes the tax's direct allocation to public safety, emphasizing the need for responsible financial decisions.

Vote NO to demand honest budgeting, rejecting self-serving raises, and ensuring transparency, accountability, and responsible leadership. This vote is about safeguarding Riverside's future. Don't fall for deceitful deals; choose fiscal sanity and transparency. Vote NO on the Cannabis Tax.

Spread the word and share this message for a brighter future for Riverside. Your vote matters—make it count on March 5th!

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