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**ARGUMENTS AND REBUTTAL FORM**

ELECTION DATE: November 5, 2024 MEASURE I.D. (If any): \_\_\_\_\_

JURISDICTION: Lancaster, California

(Please mark (X) in the appropriate box)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct Argument in Favor (Supporters)	<input type="checkbox"/> Direct Argument Against (Opponents)
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Statements will be printed in uniform type, style and spacing according to the County's system requirements. When preparing your statement, please use block paragraphs and single space format. **Entire statements in all capital letters, bold and italics (or any combination of enhancements) are not acceptable. Indentations cannot be accommodated.** Words to be printed in boldface type, underscoring and/or CAPITALIZED are to be clearly indicated. All statements should be checked by the authors for spelling and punctuation as the elections official is not permitted to edit any material contained therein. **NOTE:** Rebuttal arguments are not direct arguments. For example, a rebuttal to a direct argument in favor of a measure is NOT a direct argument against a measure. Please also note that rebuttal arguments are allowed only when both a direct argument for AND against a measure are filed. Word limit for direct Arguments in favor and against may not exceed **300 words**, Rebuttals for and against may not exceed **250 words**.

**OFFICIAL BALLOT MEASURE LABEL**

Type list of names to appear in the ballot label as Supporters/Opponents (Max125 Characters), blank labels will list "None Submitted".

Supporters: TBD. Opponents: TBD.

**Please use this space to type your statement.** If you need additional space, please attach a typed statement to this form. Statements should be typed in upper- and lower-case letters. Statement will be typeset in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet using a standard font and size determined by the County.

**ALL AUTHORS MUST SIGN ON THE REVERSE SIDE**

As we navigate the ongoing challenges of providing essential services to our residents, it is crucial that we use our resources effectively. Redirecting the existing quarter-cent sales tax, estimated to generate \$7 million for Lancaster, instead of allowing it to be absorbed into the broader county budget—where our city would receive only about \$1.4 million—will give us the autonomy to allocate funds where they are most needed. This approach is essential to ensure Lancaster can directly address and prioritize our community's unique needs.

This redirection offers several key benefits:

**Localized Control and Accountability:** We can develop and implement programs that specifically address Lancaster's needs, with direct oversight and accountability to our residents.

**Efficient Use of Funds:** Managing funds locally reduces administrative overhead and ensures a higher percentage of the revenue is directed toward effective solutions.

**Immediate Impact:** Local management of funds allows us to swiftly respond to emerging needs and opportunities, making a tangible difference in residents' lives.

**Enhanced Community Engagement:** Engaging local stakeholders, including organizations,



## **Direct Argument in Favor Continued (Supporters)**

businesses, and residents, ensures our strategies are well-informed and supported by those who understand our city's challenges and opportunities.

Redirecting the sales tax revenue to Lancaster enables us to enhance essential services such as public safety, infrastructure improvements, parks and recreation, and economic development initiatives, creating a more vibrant and resilient community. The redirection of this sales tax is not merely a financial decision; it is a commitment to our community's well-being and future. Supporting this measure demonstrates a proactive stance to ensure Lancaster remains a thriving city with a high quality of life.

We urge you to support the sales tax redirection measure and place it on the upcoming ballot. Together, we can enhance services and address our city's needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

**DECLARATION BY AUTHOR(S) OF ARGUMENTS OR REBUTTALS  
INCLUDING THE OFFICIAL BALLOT LABEL SUPPORTERS/OPPONENTS**

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The undersigned author(s) of the:

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of ballot measure (Name and/or letter): \_\_\_\_\_

Jurisdiction Name & Title of Election: \_\_\_\_\_

to be held on (Date of the Election): \_\_\_\_\_

hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

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	ABBREVIATED NAME/TITLE:				
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**IMPORTANT FILING INFORMATION:** I, Lauren V. Hughes-Leslie am the designated filer of the above titled argument/rebuttal. Please notify me of any questions pertaining to this filing. Below is my contact information.

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