

Argument Against Measure Q

This measure, which would impose a \$49 annual parcel tax, is profoundly unfair. No matter how little the parcel is worth or how much, the tax will be the same, except for those who are exempt.

Economists have a word for such a tax: it's regressive. Even though wealthier people tend to own more-valuable property, their tax would be the same as the tax for poorer people who own less-valuable property.

The measure states that the money would be used to do a variety of things. These include, but are not limited to, improving the safety and quality of licensed childcare and early learning programs, constructing and acquiring licensed childcare centers, and expanding the hours and days during which childcare facilities are open. The problem with this wide range of possible uses is that it gives the Commission too much discretion. We don't know how the funds would end up being used.

Would an extra 5,000 families, or even 2,000 families, get better or cheaper childcare? The measure doesn't specify. Would there be an annual household income cutoff so that households with income above that cutoff wouldn't qualify? The measure doesn't say. Moreover, no provision in the Measure even requires the allocation of funds directly to families to offset the high cost of childcare.

You might take comfort from the fact that there would be a Citizens' Oversight Committee that would monitor the Commission's expenditures. But don't take too much comfort. The measure makes clear that the Committee would be an "advisory body." It would make recommendations, would review and comment, and would evaluate. But nothing in the measure gives the oversight committee the legal power to allocate funds or change programs.

NO NEW TAXES. Vote No on Measure Q.

NO NEW TAXES
VOTE NO ON MEASURE Q

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. In 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) Q at the Primary General Special
 election for the County of Monterey
(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):

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| (1) | Printed Name | <u>Rosemaria Barnard</u> | Title (one) | <u>Parent</u> |
| | Signature | | Date | <u>8/15/2022</u> |
| (2) | Printed Name | <u>LAURENCE K SAMUEL</u> | Title (one) | <u>Chair, Seaside Taxpayers Association</u> |
| | Signature | | Date | <u>8/15/2022</u> |
| (3) | Printed Name | <u>Jane Heider</u> | Title (one) | <u>citizen</u> |
| | Signature | | Date | <u>August 13, 2022</u> |
| (4) | Printed Name | <u>Thomas F. Lee</u> | Title (one) | <u>Citizen</u> |
| | Signature | | Date | <u>August 15, 2022</u> |
| (5) | Printed Name | <u>David R. Henderson</u> | Title (one) | <u>Economist</u> |
| | Signature | | Date | <u>8/15/2022</u> |

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| (1) | Printed Name | <u>DAVID R. HENDERSON</u> | Title (one) | <u>Board member</u> |
| | Signature | | Date | <u>8/15/2022</u> |

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