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MEASURE I.D. (if any): ___Measure ___

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The undersigned author(s) of the:

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of ballot measure _____ at the __**General Municipal Election**__
(name and/or letter) (title of election)

election for the ___**City of Culver City**_____ to be held on

___**November 3, 2020**_____ hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the
(date)

best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

1. JOLELE SMITH
   Printed Name
   FORMER MAYOR, CULVER CITY
   Title to Appear on Argument
   Signature
   08/12/2020
   Date

2. Crystal Czarnecki Alexander
   Printed Name
   Former City Treasurer, Culver City
   Title to Appear on Argument
   Signature
   8-12-2020
   Date

3. Todd Shays
   Printed Name
   Local home owner & Small business owner
   Title to Appear on Argument
   Signature
   8-12-2020
   Date

4. Jeff Cooper
   Printed Name
   Former Mayor, Culver City
   Title to Appear on Argument
   Signature
   8/12/2020
   Date

5. [signature]
   Printed Name
   Former Mayor Culver City
   Title to Appear on Argument
   Signature
   8/12/2020
   Date

IMPORTANT FILING INFORMATION: I, ___Matthew N. Klink_____ 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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VOTE NO ON MEASURE ___.

Homeowners, renters, families, seniors and small businesses are suffering. We're in the midst of an unprecedented economic crisis.

In recent years, the City Council has repeatedly raised our taxes. Now in tough times, they're trying to raise taxes again.

CULVER CITY ALREADY HAS L.A. COUNTY'S HIGHEST REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX
Even before this proposed tax increase, Culver City had L.A. County's highest transfer tax. Measure ___ will make our city's transfer tax more than 8 times higher than anywhere in the County, significantly higher than Beverly Hills, Santa Monica and the city of L.A.

BAD FOR HOMEOWNERS, RENTERS AND SMALL BUSINESSES
This measure hurts young families who want to move out of a starter home and into their next Culver City home.

It harms seniors who need funds for retirement or health care.

It makes housing less affordable at a time when housing is the state's top priority.

It disincentivizes commercial property owners from investing in or selling their properties.

Because this tax increases small business operating costs, it'll get passed on to tenants and consumers in the form of higher prices – at a time when we cannot afford it.

NO ACCOUNTABILITY & NO GUARANTEES HOW OUR TAX DOLLARS WILL BE SPENT
Because Measure ___ is a general tax, our tax dollars go into the city's general fund to be spent on the City Council's whims – pet projects, consultants, etc.

FLAWED PROCESS, LACK OF RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT
The City Council held a rushed special meeting and placed this massive tax increase on the ballot with little public input.

The City's Financial Advisory Committee voiced concerns about the ballot measure's timing and requested more time to weigh in.

Vote No on Measure ___.

Measure ___: Bad for homeowners. Bad for small businesses. Wrong for Culver City.

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