

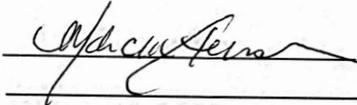
TOWN OF LOS GATOS
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Elections Code §9600

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<input type="checkbox"/> Argument in Favor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Argument Against	<input type="checkbox"/> Rebuttal to Argument in Favor	<input type="checkbox"/> Rebuttal to Argument Against
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Of the ballot Measure Finance Commission at the General/Special Municipal Election for the Town of Los Gatos to be held on November 3, 2020, hereby state that the argument is true and correct to the best of (his/her/their) knowledge and belief.

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Argument and Rebuttal Form

Election Date: November 3, 2020

Please mark (X) in the appropriate box:

<input type="checkbox"/> Argument in Favor (max. 300 words)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Argument Against (max. 300 words)
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Statements will be printed in uniform type, style, and spacing. Use block paragraphs and single space format. Text submitted indented or centered will be typeset in block paragraph form. **Entire statements in all capital letters are not acceptable. Indentions, circles, stars, dots, italics and/or bullets cannot be accommodated.** However, you may use dashes/hyphens. Words to be printed in **boldface type**, underscored and/or capitalized are to be clearly indicated. Any combinations of enhanced words are counted as one word. The number of words/acronyms that are in **boldface type**, underscore and/or CAPITALIZED shall not exceed **300 words for Arguments and 250 words for Rebuttals** per documents. 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. Please note that **rebuttal arguments are allowed only when both a direct argument for AND against a measure are filed.**

ALL AUTHORS MUST SIGN ON THE REVERSE SIDE

Please type statements below in upper and lower-case letters. Statement will be typeset in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet. Statement can be submitted using any standard font.

ARGUMENT AGAINST FINANCE COMMISSION

The Town Finance Commission initiative is unnecessary and bad government. Please vote against **it.**

The proposed Commission would be **formed in the dark**, not elected by you. Shockingly, individual councilmembers would each name one Commissioner with no transparency as to why and without further approval of the full Council. The initiative omits critical appointment safeguards. It requires **NO PUBLIC---**

- application;
- vetting of qualifications--or disqualifications;
- interview; or
- debate about suitability.

That's bad government inviting cronyism and corruption.

Commission members would be appointed for **four years** with **accountability to no one**; the initiative inexplicably exempts the proposed Commission from the provision that allows removal of Commissioners by three-fifths of the Town Council.

The initiative exalts the **wrong expertise**. Government finance and corporate finance are different. Corporate executives are obligated to seek profits for shareholders. Our Town's stakeholders aren't after financial returns. Town policy must reflect the diversity of our stakeholders' interests and never be profit-driven, or as the initiative puts it "to maximize fee generation."

The proposed Commission **would not be merely advisory** it could have pocket veto authority over expenditure of the Los Gatos Sales Tax. The initiative is worded to make Commission review of proposed expenditures of that tax a prerequisite to such expenditures; withholding that review would prevent the expenditures.

The initiative **creates a bloated bureaucracy** that could hijack the professional mission of the award-winning Town finance team. It would establish requirements for written reports and unnecessary counter reports wasting time and effort. Nimble responses to emergencies like pandemics, wildfires, earthquakes, or the completely unexpected could be thwarted by the new layer of unaccountable bureaucrats.

Los Gatos has excellent financial management and already taps the wealth of experience of its residents for financial matters. No initiative is needed to accomplish either.

The undersigned authors of the argument against ballot Measure () (the Town Finance Commission Initiative) at the general municipal election for the Town of Los Gatos to be held on November 3, 2020 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Signed  Date 8/4/20
Marcia Jensen
Registered voter
August 4, 2020

Signed  Date 8-4-2020
Leo P. Cunningham
Registered voter
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