

# ARGUMENT STATEMENT FOR COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET (2016 )

Ballot Title Caption: \_\_\_\_\_

Measure Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Word Total (325 Maximum): \_\_\_\_\_

Argument in Favor

Argument in Opposition

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(Argument Statement Shall Be Typed)

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Person responsible for the content of the Argument Statement:

(Typed) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signed) X \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of the Organization the person represents, if any.

# Instructions

1. The Argument Statement **shall be typed. The text of the Argument will be printed as submitted.**
2. The word total shall be limited to 325 words and shall fit within 30 square inches of space.
3. The Argument Statement shall be signed by the person responsible for the content of the argument and shall include the name of the organization the person represents, if any.
4. All information cited or quoted from previously published material must include the source and date of publication. (Example: *The Oregonian*, January 2, 2006.)
5. Any endorsement by an individual or an organization, which was not previously made public, must be accompanied by a Statement of Endorsement.
6. The Election Official shall reject any Argument Statement (ORS 251.415) which:
  - a. Contains any obscene, profane or defamatory language;
  - b. Incites or advocates hatred, abuse or violence toward any person or group; or
  - c. Contains any language which may not legally be circulated through the mails.
7. The Argument Statement and filing fee or petition **shall be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. as shown in the table below.**

<b>ELECTION:</b>	<b>March 8, 2016</b>	<b>May 17, 2016</b>	<b>September 20, 2016</b>	<b>November 8, 2016</b>
Deadline:	January 11, 2016	March 21, 2016	July 25, 2016	September 12, 2016

8. **Filing by Fee:**

<b>Electoral District's Active Voter Registration</b>	<b>Argument Statement Filing Fee</b>
Less than 1,000 within the county	\$100
1,000 to 4,999 within the county	\$200
5,000 to 9,999 within the county	\$250
10,000 to 24,999 within the county	\$350
25,000 and over within the county	\$400

9. **Filing by Petition:**

A petition shall contain the signatures of at least four percent of the electors in the district eligible to vote on the measure or the signatures of 1,000 electors in the district eligible to vote on the measure, whichever is less. A petition shall be verified before filing the Argument Statement.

10. The text of the argument may be submitted on a separate piece of paper with the top and bottom of the Argument Statement form completed, signed and dated. Indicate on the form in the area designated for the text "SEE ATTACHED". **Both the form and Attachment must be signed and dated.**
11. Argument Statements shall become public record on the 4<sup>th</sup> business day after the filing deadline.
12. Voters' pamphlets are prepared county by county. If the measure will be on the ballot in more than one county and you would like to have your Argument Statement in the voters' pamphlet in those counties, you must submit an Argument Statement and filing fee or petition with each county's election office. Check with each county for appropriate forms.

Print, sign and submit original form with payment to: Nancy Blankenship, Deschutes County Clerk  
 1300 NW Wall Street, Suite 202  
 PO Box 6005  
 Bend, OR 97708  
 Phone: 541-388-6544

Also, submit argument text via email to: [Nancyb@deschutes.org](mailto:Nancyb@deschutes.org)

# Statement of Endorsement For Deschutes County Voters' Pamphlet

ORS 251.405

Primary Election 20\_\_\_\_

General Election 20\_\_\_\_

Special Election \_\_\_\_\_

(Date)

## Statement of Endorsement for:

Candidate's Statement: \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of candidate)

Measure Argument: \_\_\_\_\_  
(measure # and name of person who furnished argument)

**In this box, type or print the name of the person and/or organization whose name will be printed in the voters' pamphlet statement or argument exactly as it should appear.** An organization's name should be used only if the organization is endorsing the argument or statement. The person's title must also be listed if it is to appear in the voters' pamphlet statement or argument.

I consent to the use of my name or the name of the organization I am authorized to represent exactly as it appears in the box above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Individual

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

**Note: Submitting a false signature on this statement is a violation of ORS 251.405.**

**For Office Use Only**

## Instructions

**If the name of a person or organization will be printed in your statement or argument as supporting or endorsing the statement or argument, you must either:**

1. Use the name of the person or organization with a quotation made by the person on behalf of the person or by an authorized person on behalf of an organization. The quotation must have been disseminated to the public prior to its inclusion in the statement or argument and it must be identified in the statement or argument by its source (such as the name of the newspaper in which it appeared) and date of dissemination/publication. Examples for identifying the source of a quote are:

James Joyce, *The Oregonian*,  
1/22/90

Bob Dole, *Time Magazine*, July 7,  
1997

John F. Kennedy, *Profiles in Courage*,  
1960

OR:

2. File a Statement of Endorsement signed by the person, or by an authorized person on behalf of an organization, stating that the person consents to the use of their name or organization in the statement or argument. An organization's name should only be used if the organization is endorsing the statement or argument.

**This Statement of Endorsement should be filed with the statement or argument it relates to and must be filed no later than the voters' pamphlet filing deadline.**

**Note:** If a Statement of Endorsement is not received, the person or organization whose name would be printed in the argument will be removed from the statement or argument. If the information contained in the endorsement box on the front of this form does not match what is printed in the statement or argument, the statement or argument will be edited to match the Statement of Endorsement form.