

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2010-004**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

February 16, 2010

### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1.16.070 OF THE SACRAMENTO CITY CODE RELATING TO BALLOT ARGUMENTS, TO TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:**

#### **SECTION 1.**

Section 1.16.070 of the Sacramento City Code is amended to read as follows:

#### **1.16.070 Ballot arguments.**

- A. When the city clerk has selected the arguments for and against a measure appearing on the ballot at a municipal election pursuant to Elections Code Section 9287, the clerk shall send copies of the argument in favor of the measure to the authors of the argument against, and copies of the arguments against to the authors of the argument in favor. The authors may prepare and submit rebuttal argument not exceeding two hundred fifty (250) words. The rebuttal arguments must be filed with the city clerk not more than ten days after the final date for filing direct arguments. Rebuttal arguments shall be printed in the same manner as direct arguments. Each rebuttal argument shall immediately follow the direct argument which it seeks to rebut. Notwithstanding the provisions of California Elections Code Section 9295 to the contrary, the city clerk shall make available for public examination in the clerk's office all arguments filed pursuant to this section not less than ten (10) days before arguments are submitted for printing. For arguments, the period during which any person named in Section 9295 may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction pursuant to Section 9295 shall be during the ten (10) day examination period provided for herein.
- B. For initiative measures placed on the ballot, the persons filing the initiative petition, along with any individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure, or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of voters and associations, may file a written argument in favor of the measure, and the city council, or any council member(s) authorized by the city council, or any individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure, or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of voters and associations, may submit an argument against the measure.
- C. For city council measures placed on the ballot, the city council, or any council member(s) authorized by the city council, or any individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure, or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of voters and associations, may file a written argument for or against the measure.

D. Except as provided otherwise in this section, the procedures set forth in Elections Code section 9282, as amended, shall apply.

SECTION 2.

This ordinance relates to elections, and is to take effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council pursuant to Sacramento City Charter section 32(g)(1).

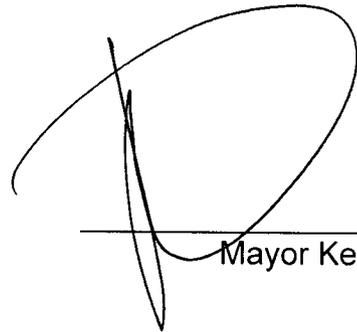
Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on February 16, 2010 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cohn, Fong, Hammond, McCarty, Pannell, Sheedy, Tretheway, Waters, and Mayor Johnson.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.



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Mayor Kevin Johnson

Attest:

  
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Shirley Concolino, City Clerk

Effective: February 16, 2010