

Pro/Con Statement Committee Instructions and Application

General Information

According to RCW 29A.32.280, the Mountlake Terrace City Council has the responsibility of appointing members to a committee that will write the statement for the measure and to a committee that will write the statement against the measure. Each committee is allowed up to 3 members, but can ask the advice of any number of individuals.

The Snohomish County Auditor's Office requires the city to submit all pro/con statement appointments by August 1, 2017. Each committee shall identify a chair who will serve as the primary contact for the Snohomish County Auditor's Office.

Ballot Measure Argument Information and Deadlines

A ballot measure argument is written to support or oppose a ballot measure. Each argument statement in support (Pro) or against (Con) a measure can be no more than 250 words and must be prepared by the committee formed pursuant to RCW 29A.32.080. **The deadline for submitting the statement is 5:00 p.m. on August 15, 2017.** The Auditor's Office will not edit or advise committee on statements.

Arguments will be shared by the Auditor's Office with the opposing committee once both arguments have been received. Each committee has an opportunity to formulate a rebuttal statement containing no more than 75 words. Rebuttal statements may only address the issues raised in the opposing statement without introducing new issues not previously addressed in either statement. Rebuttal statements are not shared with the opposing committee. **The deadline to submit a rebuttal statement is 5:00 p.m. on August 18, 2017.**

Argument and rebuttal statements must be signed or otherwise approved by all members of the committee. It is not the role of the city or the Auditor's Office to coordinate between committee members. Once submitted to the Auditor's Office, argument and rebuttal statements cannot be withdrawn or changed. If committee members cannot agree on an argument or rebuttal statement, no argument or rebuttal statement will be presented in the voters' pamphlet. Failure to submit an argument statement will disqualify the committee from submitting a rebuttal statement.

The Mountlake Terrace City Council is expected to provide direction for a ballot measure on July 13, 2017. **Applications must be received by the City Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2017. The City Clerk will contact all applicants on Wednesday, July 19 to reconfirm their interest before forwarding the names of all applicants to the City Council for appointment at their Thursday, July 20, 2017 special meeting.**

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

Please submit this application to the City Clerk at cityhall@ci.mlt.wa.us (then call to verify receipt at 425-744-6206), drop off in person at 6100 219th Street SW, #200, or online at: www.cityofmlt.com/FormCenter/Proposition-1-13/ProCon-Statement-Committee-Application-69.