



ARGUMENT AND REBUTTAL FORM

Public Safety/

Essential Services

ELECTION DATE: March 3, 2020

MEASURE I.D. (if any):

JURISDICTION: City of Duarte

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<input type="checkbox"/> Rebuttal to Argument Against	<input type="checkbox"/> Rebuttal to Argument in Favor

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The undersigned author(s) of the: Argument in Favor Rebuttal to Argument Against
 Argument Against Rebuttal to Argument in Favor

of ballot measure Public Safety/Essential Services at the Special Municipal
(name and/or letter) (title of election)

election for the City of Duarte to be held on
March 3, 2020 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the
(date)

best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

1.	<u>Tzeitel Paras-Caracci</u> Printed Name	 Signature
	<u>Mayor, City of Duarte</u> Title to Appear on Argument	<u>December 9, 2019</u> Date
2.	_____ Printed Name	_____ Signature
	_____ Title to Appear on Argument	_____ Date
3.	_____ Printed Name	_____ Signature
	_____ Title to Appear on Argument	_____ Date
4.	_____ Printed Name	_____ Signature
	_____ Title to Appear on Argument	_____ Date
5.	_____ Printed Name	_____ Signature
	_____ Title to Appear on Argument	_____ Date

IMPORTANT FILING INFORMATION: I, Tzeitel Paras-Caracci 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 YES on ___ Duarte Public Safety/Essential Services Measure

KEEP TAX DOLLARS IN DUARTE. PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY and COMMUNITY SERVICES. Voting yes will generate approximately \$2.6 million annually. This money will support our public safety, infrastructure maintenance, and community programs, allowing us to continue providing the excellent service expected by our residents. But if the measure fails, L.A. County or other agencies can ask voters to approve up to a 3/4 cent sales tax for other purposes and Duarte will have lost \$2.6 million annually. Arcadia, El Monte, Glendora, Monrovia, and Pasadena have approved similar measures to raise revenues and protect public safety and community programs.

Duarte is recognized for its unmatched community services that make the City a great place to live, work and conduct business. As the City of Health, the health of our community depends greatly on our ability to continue providing high-quality community services that are essential to our daily lives.

Sustaining our quality of life despite service and program reductions since the Great Recession of 2008 has not been easy. Coupled with state funding reductions, Duarte cut approximately \$2 million in services and has deferred \$1.5 million in improvement and maintenance of City property. The City renegotiated labor agreements with its employees to reduce pension, retirement benefits and medical insurance costs, implemented an unpaid vacation program, and eliminated 12 staff positions.

But savings alone won't do the job! The City will deplete its reserves within five years and will have to cut close to 10% of the overall budget if the situation continues.

VOTE YES TO:

Raise approximately \$2.6 million annually for essential city services:

- **PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY, INFRASTRUCTURE, PARKS and COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**
- **ENSURE ALL FUNDS** to be spent in **DUARTE**
- **REQUIRE ANNUAL INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL AUDITS**