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FORM OF STATEMENT TO BE FILED BY AUTHOR(S) OF ARGUMENT

All arguments concerning measures filed pursuant to Division 9, Chapter 3 (beginning with Section 9200) of the Elections Code of the State of California shall be accompanied by the following form of statement to be signed by each proponent, and by each author, if different, of the argument:

The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the (primary/rebuttal) argument (in favor of/against) ballot measure ___ at the General Municipal Election for the City of Laguna Woods to be held on November 8, 2022, hereby state that the argument is true and correct to the best of (his/her/their) knowledge and belief.

Print Name	<u>Carol Moore</u>
Title	<u>City of Laguna Woods Mayor</u>
(If applicable): Submitted on behalf of:	
Name of Organization	
Signature	
Date	<u>June 16, 2022</u>

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The City Attorney's analysis is based on data provided which does not comport with estimated revenue provided by nearby cities. For example, in the case of Mission Viejo, which is 5.5 times larger than the City of Laguna Woods and far more affluent, using that projection the City of Laguna Woods would need at least three shops to attain the income stated and it is unbelievable three shops are sustainable, let alone capable of each generating the same revenue. Because the numbers provided in the proposed measure are inflated, the benefits are not clear.

Furthermore, there is no documented evidence that any city in Orange County has been forced to accept taxes which favor the marijuana lobby; that is a straw man argument. Cities always have the right to seek voter approval of a tax whenever a dispensary is proposed but until the governor and legislature stabilize the industry it is not possible to accurately predict revenue nor address the illicit market. It is the illicit market that is harming the environment with harmful chemicals and wastefully draining precious water resources.