

RESOLUTION NO. 26-0088

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE
FILING OF REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS FOR A CITY
MEASURE SUBMITTED AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026,
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Manhattan Beach City Council has, by adoption of Resolution No. 26-0059, called for a General Municipal Election to be held in the City on November 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Manhattan Beach City Council has, by adoption of Resolution No. 26-0087, submitted to the voters a ballot measure relating to business license tax for the General Municipal Election; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 9285 authorizes the City Council to adopt provisions to provide for the filing of rebuttal arguments for City measures submitted at municipal elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MANHATTAN BEACH CITY COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES, DECLARES, DETERMINES AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. As stated in Section 6 of Resolution No. 26-0087, the City Council directs that arguments for and against the measure may be filed in accordance with applicable law, and that Councilmember[s] [name(s)] are authorized to file an argument in favor of the measure.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9285, when the City elections official has selected the arguments for and against the measure which will be printed and distributed to the voters, the elections official shall send a copy of an argument in favor of the measure, if any, to the authors of the argument against the measure and a copy of the argument against the measure, if any, to the authors of the argument in favor of the measure immediately upon receiving the arguments.

SECTION 3. The author or a majority of the authors of an argument relating to a City measure may prepare and submit a rebuttal argument not exceeding 250 words or may authorize in writing any other person or persons to prepare, submit, or sign the rebuttal argument. The rebuttal arguments shall be filed with the elections official, signed, with the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers, not more than 10 days after the final date for filing direct arguments. A rebuttal argument may not be signed by more than five authors. Rebuttal arguments shall be printed in the same manner as the direct arguments. Each rebuttal argument shall immediately follow the direct argument which it seeks to rebut. Rebuttals shall only be accepted if direct arguments are filed.

SECTION 4. All previous resolutions providing for the filing of rebuttal arguments for City measures are repealed, and the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 shall apply only to the election to be held on November 3, 2026.

ADOPTED on August 4, 2026.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

JOE FRANKLIN
Mayor

ATTEST:

LIZA TAMURA
City Clerk