

# MACKENZIE LAND LAW

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Candace J. Grubbs  
Butte County Clerk  
Butte County Elections Department  
25 County Center Drive, Suite 110  
Oroville, CA 95965-3361

Re: Butte County Citizens Against Irresponsible Government  
Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure A  
(Butte County Ordinance No. 4075)

Dear Mrs. Grubbs,

Attached, please find the Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure A (Butte County Ordinance 4075), which was placed on the Butte County November 2014 General Election Ballot, pursuant to a Board of Supervisors. I have authored the attached rebuttal and submit it (on the required form) on behalf of Butte County Citizens Against Irresponsible Government, the sponsor of a referendum petition drive against Butte County Ordinance No. 4029. Attached, please also find the Ballot Argument Signature Statement pursuant to your department's publication, entitled *GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING BALLOT ARGUMENTS & REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS FOR LOCAL MEASURES*. If you have any additional questions, requests or concerns, please feel free to contact me or have your staff contact me at the telephone number or email address set forth below.

Yours very truly,  
MacKenzie Land Law

  
by Robert W. MacKenzie

Enclosures

RWM:jb

cc: BCCAIG





The district attorney and the sheriff have not been truthful in their arguments. Measure A would drastically impact both your property rights and qualified patient access to Medical Cannabis, by cutting back the number of plants allowed to almost nothing. Measure A is an ill-conceived extremist measure designed to stamp out cultivation of Medical Cannabis in Butte County.

The existing Cannabis cultivation ordinance protects residential neighborhoods, by requiring an approved, occupied home and an approved well on each parcel on which Medical Cannabis is grown. The existing Cannabis cultivation ordinance also has a one-year residency requirement. Measure A would NOT CHANGE ANY of these requirements.

Measure A does nothing to protect the environment. The existing Cannabis cultivation ordinance has environmental provisions which strictly regulate water use, garden runoff, and use of pesticides. Measure A would NOT CHANGE ANY of these requirements.

The D.A. and the sheriff want you to believe that all Medical Cannabis gardens cause problems. This is not true. The vast majority of Medical Cannabis growers in the County are good neighbors and good stewards of their land. They grow their own medical Cannabis to make sure they know exactly what is in it. They would never harm their land or their bodies, by introducing toxic chemicals into either. Why should everyone be punished, because of a few bad apples?

County officials have been very successful this year in obtaining compliance with the existing ordinance. Don't buy the fear campaign. Vote No on Measure A.



## Ballot Argument Signature Statement

The Butte County Elections Office requires this statement be completed and submitted with the argument. Names and titles listed will be printed in the order provided, and will appear as indicated. In addition, no more than 5 names may be printed following the written argument statement in the Sample Ballot Voter Information Booklet.

**Argument/Rebuttal Filed by** (Check any of the following that apply)

- Board of Supervisors or any member(s) of the Board
- Individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure
- Bona Fide Association of Citizens



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**The undersigned author(s) of the:**

- Argument in Favor of
- Argument Against
- Rebuttal to the Argument in Favor of
- Rebuttal to the Argument Against

Ballot measure letter A, to be voted on at the (Primary or General) election to be held on NOV. 4th 2014 in the County of Butte, and hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

**Each person must clearly print and sign as indicated below. Printing will be in the order as submitted.**

	Print Name clearly	Print Title and Name of Organization	Signature	Date
1	Andrew T. Halcombe	Attorney / Former Chico Mayor	<i>Andrew T. Halcombe</i>	8/21/14
2	Daniel Salnow Sr	Scooters Cafe Owner	<i>Daniel Salnow Sr</i>	8/22/14
3	Denice A. Lessard	disabled patient	<i>Denice A. Lessard</i>	8/22/2014
4	Philip G. Seeds	disabled patient	<i>Philip G. Seeds</i>	8/22/14
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### Rebuttal Argument Alternate Signer Authorization Form

Any original author who wishes to allow someone else to sign the rebuttal argument in their place must authorize in writing on the form below.

I, Anne Murphy (Filer's Name) authorize the following person(s) to sign

rebuttal to the:

- Argument in Favor of
- Argument Against

Ballot Measure letter A for the election to be held on NOV. 4th, 2014 (Date of Election)

One or more people who signed the argument may be replaced with other people to sign the rebuttal argument:

Please print clearly:

1. Daniel Sattmow Sr name of rebuttal signer to sign instead of Anne Murphy name of argument signer
2. \_\_\_\_\_ name of rebuttal signer to sign instead of \_\_\_\_\_ name of argument signer
3. \_\_\_\_\_ name of rebuttal signer to sign instead of \_\_\_\_\_ name of argument signer
4. \_\_\_\_\_ name of rebuttal signer to sign instead of \_\_\_\_\_ name of argument signer
5. \_\_\_\_\_ name of rebuttal signer to sign instead of \_\_\_\_\_ name of argument signer

Filer's Signature: Anne Murphy Date: 8/22/2014