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CITY OF VILLA PARK

Statement in Opposition to Measure ____

PROTECT OUR CITY INDEPENDENCE, PEACEFULNESS AND UNITY

Since incorporation in 1962, Villa Park has been the Independent City "Where Friendship Blooms". Our friendly atmosphere and tranquility are being shattered by those who use their official positions to advance personal goals.

Last year, they provocatively proposed Invocations at Council Meetings, and were publicly admonished by the Mayor for using their official positions for this purpose.

Ignoring that conflict of interest, they now advocate the display in City Council Chambers of "In God We Trust", basically a religious motto cleverly disguised as being solely patriotic.

Their questioning of other Council Members' belief in God, recorded during the May 2008 Council Meeting, provides clear evidence of the real religious intent behind "In God We Trust".

A loving and tolerant religion is practiced in private religious situations, while an intrusive and intolerant religion is inappropriately introduced into official public situations.

Although patriotic mottos are meant to unite, this motto divides and certainly violates the Golden Rule of most world religions: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you".

True patriots do what they should to advance patriotism by unifying without causing harm: this attack upon minority beliefs tries what it can, and divides us with significant harm to city unity.

Jefferson, Madison, Washington and other Founding Fathers understood such key differences and were careful to guarantee genuine freedom for religious beliefs and practices, while equally guaranteeing genuine freedom from religious interference and domination.

Future City Councils will not be permitted to remove this divisive motto without voter approval through another referendum. They will only be permitted to change the motto's location within City Council Chambers.

VOTE NO ON USING OFFICIAL POSITIONS FOR DIVISIVE PERSONAL PURPOSES

VOTE NO ON DIVERTING CITY BUSINESS FROM MORE IMPORTANT NEEDS

VOTE NO ON MEASURE ____

"The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the Direct Argument against the ballot measure _____, at the General Municipal Election for the City of Villa Park, California to be held on November 4, 2008 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief."

Arnold F. Goodman, PhD Arnold Goodman
Member of Former Villa Park Committee to Locate City Hall in the Town Centre

Robert E. McGowan Robert E. McGowan
Four-Term Villa Park City Councilman, Mayor Twice

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SIGNATURE STATEMENT

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All Direct Arguments/Rebuttal Arguments concerning City measures shall be accompanied by this form to be signed by each author who is a signer or authorized signer of the argument. Names and titles listed will be printed in the Sample Ballot Pamphlet in the order provided below and will appear as indicated below.

The undersigned author(s) or authorized signer(s) of the (select one of the following):

- ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR
 ARGUMENT AGAINST REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST

ballot measure _____ at the General Municipal Election for the City of Villa Park being held on November 4, 2008
(Letter or Number)

hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

If argument is filed by the City Council, list "City Council of the City of Villa Park" on the line below. The City Council members (as authorized by the City Council) sign as authors of the argument and must complete both this side and #1 on the back side of this form.

Name of Governing Body

If argument is filed by a bona fide association of citizens and the signers of the argument are affiliated with the association and are authorized by the association to sign the argument, fill in the name of the association below. The Association officers/members sign as authors of the argument and must complete this side and either #2A or #2B on the back side of this form.

Name of Association

If argument is filed/signed by individuals, (the argument is not submitted on behalf of an association – the signer(s) are not affiliated with the association and/or are not authorized to sign on behalf of the association), complete this side and #3 on the back side of this form.

1. ROBERT E. MCGOWAN 18382 LINCOLN CIR. VILLA PARK 92861 6/30/08
Print Name Residence Address Date
MR. Robert E. McGowan 714-538-0367
Title Signature Phone Number
2. ARNOLD F. GOODMAN 18231 HILLCREST CIRCLE VILLA PARK 92861 6/30/08
Print Name Residence Address Date
DR. Arnold F. Goodman 714-637-1233
Title Signature Phone Number
3. _____
Print Name Residence Address Date

Title Signature Phone Number
4. _____
Print Name Residence Address Date

Title Signature Phone Number
5. _____
Print Name Residence Address Date

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To be completed for arguments filed by the City Council, a bona fide association of citizens, and individual signers.

ARGUMENT/REBUTTAL FILED BY (Check Any of the Following that Apply)

1. City Council: _____

Contact Person's Printed Name: _____

Contact Person's Signature: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

2. The following information is submitted by the author(s) to establish that the organization or group is a Bona Fide Association of Citizens.

A. A Bona Fide Association of Citizens (Group or organization has not been formed to support or oppose the measure)

Name of Association: _____

Principal Officer's Printed Name: _____

Principal Officer's Signature: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

B. A Bona Fide Association of Citizens (Group or organization has been formed to support or oppose this measure)

Name of Association: _____

Principal Officer's Printed Name: _____

Principal Officer's Signature: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

A form 410 Statement of Organization – establishing the group or organization as a Primarily Formed Ballot Measure Committee to support or oppose Measure _____ was filed on _____ Committee I.D. # _____. (The form 410 must be filed within 10 days of the date of the date the committee receives \$1,000.00 in contributions.)

3. Individuals filing/signing the argument:

Contact Person: ROBERT MCGOWAN Phone: 714-538-0367

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