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Argument in Favor of "In God We Trust" Measure \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF VILLA PARK

When Francis Scott Key penned the "Star Spangled Banner" in 1814, the final stanza read, "And this be our motto, 'In God is Our Trust'." In 1954, Congress incorporated the phrase "One nation under God" into the "Pledge of Allegiance," the oath of loyalty to our country and flag. In 1956, at the urging of President Dwight Eisenhower, Congress formally adopted "In God We Trust" as our national motto.

What Key, Congress and President Eisenhower were recognizing in these expressions is simply what is enshrined in our founding document, the Declaration of Independence: "All men are created equal" and we are "endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights." Our founding Fathers recognized that rights come from God, not from government. It is government's responsibility to protect the rights God has provided. Thomas Jefferson confirmed this as he wrote, "The God who gave us life gave us liberty at the same time. Can liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are of God?"

"In God We Trust" is a historical expression of American heritage and conviction. Since our nation as a whole embraces this motto, individual states, counties, cities and towns that adopt "In God We Trust" as a motto are merely confirming the spirit of America. This measure gives Villa Park residents an opportunity for our city to go on record and align ourselves with our heritage by approving the display in our City Council Chambers of the motto that sets America Apart. Voting "Yes" on the City Council's measure to post "In God We Trust" in the Council Chambers is a vote to confirm the true source of our rights and liberties. We urge citizens of Villa Park to vote "Yes" on this measure. Vote "Yes" on our heritage.

"The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the Direct Argument in favor of 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."

/s

Brad Reese  
Mayor

/s

Deborah Pauly  
Councilwoman

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SIGNATURE STATEMENT

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)

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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.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VILLA PARK  
Name of Governing Body

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Name of Association

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Print Name  
MAYOR  
Title

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Residence Address  
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Signature

Date JUNE 25, 2008  
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Signature

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Print Name

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Residence Address

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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: CITY OF VILLA PARK  
 Contact Person's Printed Name: DEBORAH PAULY  
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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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