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The undersigned author(s) of the argument in favor of / against ballot measure A
(circle one) (indicate which)

at the Special Election for the City of Santa Clara to be held on June 5, 2018 in consolidation with the State Primary Election, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.
(his / her / their)

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Two Districts and One Santa Clara.

Santa Clara elections have always been clean and open to all types of candidates. We are proud of our history. Now we can make it even better and more accessible.

Your yes vote will create two districts to ensure that all parts of Santa Clara are represented on the city council. Today, candidates run citywide. That means the majority of candidates can be concentrated in one area or one neighborhood. With two districts, Santa Clarans will be more evenly represented.

Two districts will help all candidates -- especially those that represent a neighborhood or grassroots organization or ethnic group. Two districts will make the cost of running for office less expensive because candidates will not have to run citywide. They can rely on small-dollar contributions rather than big checks from developers. Two districts will increase the importance of neighborhoods and decrease the influence of special interests.

In addition, our elections will use rank-choice voting when the technology is available. This will allow you to vote for multiple candidates, not just one. Many experts believe it improves the quality and diversity of candidates. Communities across the nation have seen increased voter turnout, proportionally diverse representation and less negative campaigning.

This plan to establish two districts was created by a citizens' Charter Review Committee, a diverse group of Santa Clarans who care about our city. We ask you to join them and us as we create two districts and one Santa Clara.

This is the right plan for our city. Please vote YES on Measure A.