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The undersigned author(s) of the: Argument in Favor Rebuttal to Argument Against
 Argument Against Rebuttal to Argument in Favor

of ballot measure Lower the Voting Age to 16 at the General Municipal
(name and/or letter) (title of election)
election for the City of Culver City to be held on
November 8, 2022 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the
(date)

best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

1.	<u>Tyler Muir</u> Printed Name <u>UHS ASB President</u> Title to Appear on Argument	 Signature <u>8/18/22</u> Date
2.	<u>Anthony Prieto</u> Printed Name <u>La Fuerza Student Affinity Group President</u> Title to Appear on Argument	 Signature <u>8/18/22</u> Date
3.	<u>DANIEL LEE</u> Printed Name <u>Mayor</u> Title to Appear on Argument	 Signature <u>8/18/2022</u> Date
4.	<u>Steven M. Levin, PhD</u> Printed Name <u>President, Culver City School Board</u> Title to Appear on Argument	 Signature <u>8/18/2022</u> Date
5.	<u>Harden Alexander "Alex" Fisch</u> Printed Name <u>Council member</u> Title to Appear on Argument	 Signature <u>8/18/2022</u> Date

IMPORTANT FILING INFORMATION: I, Ada Meighan-Thiel am the designated filer of the above titled argument/rebuttal. Please notify me of any questions pertaining to this filing. Below is my contact information.

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By allowing 16 and 17-year-olds to vote in city and school district elections, generations of Culver City youth will be transformed into well-informed, lifelong voters.

18 hasn't always been the voting age. In fact, it took over thirty years of activism and an unpopular military draft to lower the federal age. But people don't have to face conscription to be affected by government decisions. Teens deserve to vote for their school board and city officials because Culver City's 16 and 17-year-olds are socially and politically engaged in the community and possess all of the mental faculties to make informed political decisions. Teens can drive, work jobs, pay taxes, and even pre-register to vote. By voting yes on Measure __, teens will finally have a say in the issues they care about and are affected by.

Measure __ is not radical— it's not even the first such measure in California. Voters in Berkeley and Oakland enfranchised their youth. The first places in the US to let 16 and 17-year-olds vote were Tacoma Park and Hyattsville. In both of these municipalities, teens proved their engagement by turning out to vote at more than double the rate of any other age group.

18-24 year olds who have never voted before have one of the lowest turnout rates out of any group. This is largely because the social environment of your first vote is the most important determinant of your voting behavior in early years. 16 and 17-year-olds, however, vote with enthusiasm. Enfranchising Culver City youth here, instead of hoping that they vote when they leave home, will teach the responsibility of democratic participation, thus increasing overall turnout and the voting propensity of our young people. By voting yes on Measure __, Culver City can raise a generation of active and engaged voters.

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