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MAYOR

June 12, 2013

Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council
c/o Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Certification of Sufficiency of an Ordinance Initiative Petition Regarding
Creation of a City Health Department**

Honorable Members:

On May 10, 2013, in accordance with Charter Section 451, an Initiative Petition entitled Creation of a City of Los Angeles Public Health Department. Initiative Ordinance containing 69,480 signatures was filed with the Office of the City Clerk, for which 41,138* valid signatures were required. As provided in City of Los Angeles Election Code Section 711 (b), a random sampling of five percent (5%) or 3,474 signatures were verified to determine the sufficiency or insufficiency of the entire Initiative Petition.

Of the random sample of 3,474 signatures, more than 2,263 were required to be valid in order for the Initiative Petition to qualify as sufficient. Based on the examination of the signatures compared with the voter registration records maintained by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder, a total of 2,286 valid signatures were identified. Thus, I have determined that the Initiative Petition is SUFFICIENT, and I hereby present the attached Certification of Sufficiency to the City Council.

Charter Section 452 provides that the Council must take one of three actions within 20 days of the transmittal of the attached Certification of Sufficiency to the City Council:

1. Adopt the proposed ordinance, without alteration; or
2. Call a special election to be held not earlier than 110 days nor more than 140 days after Council action on the petition to submit the proposed ordinance, without alteration, to a vote of the electors of the City; or

* This number reflects 15% of total votes cast for all candidates for the Office of Mayor at the last election at which the Mayor was elected prior to the time the petition was filed (May 10, 2013).

3. Determine to submit the proposed ordinance, without alteration, to a vote of the electors of the City at the earlier of the following two elections that occurs more than 110 days from the date of Council action on the petition:
 - a. The next regular City election, or
 - b. A special election consolidated with the next election conducted by the County of Los Angeles occurring wholly or partially within the same area provided that the voters eligible to vote in the County-conducted election comprise 100% of all the voters eligible to vote on the measure.

Option 1 would adopt the proposed ordinance without alteration and avoid the necessity and cost of an election.

Option 2, ordering a City special election, is not recommended as it would be more expensive than consolidating with the County's next election. The cost of a standalone City election is approximately \$5.5 million.

Option 3 speaks to placing the matter at the earlier of either a) the next regular City election, or b) the next election conducted by the County of Los Angeles at which all City voters are eligible to vote. Because the next scheduled election in the County is the June 2014 Statewide Primary Election, and that election is earlier than the next regularly scheduled City election in March 2015, exercising Option 3 would mean placing the measure on the ballot at the June 3, 2014 Statewide Primary Election. The cost to place the first ballot measure before the electorate on the County election would be approximately \$4.6 million.

It should be noted that as provided by Charter Section 452, any ordinance proposed by initiative petition, adopted by the Council and approved by the Mayor, or adopted over the Mayor's veto, shall be subject to a referendary vote in the same manner as other ordinances adopted by the Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council take one of the following two actions:

1. Adopt the proposed ordinance presented by the Initiative Petition proponents, without alteration; or
2. Determine to submit the proposed ordinance, without alteration, to a vote of the electors of the City at the June 3, 2014 Statewide Primary Election to be conducted by the County of Los Angeles, and request the City Administrative Officer to prepare funding recommendations in Fiscal Year 2013-14 to provide for the approximately \$4.6 million in City and County costs for administering the special election.

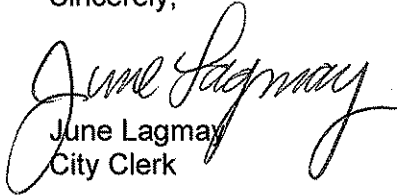
FISCAL IMPACT

To adopt the ordinance as presented incurs no election related costs. To place the matter on a City Special Election would cost approximately \$5.5 million. The cost to place the measure on the June 3, 2014 Statewide Primary Election is approximately \$4.6 million.

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The non-Election financial impact to the General Fund to create and staff a new City department, if the City adopts the ordinance as presented or if it is approved by the electorate at either the 2014 Statewide Primary Election or a City Special Election, is currently being prepared by the Office of the City Administrative Officer and is not covered in this report.

Sincerely,



June Lagman
City Clerk

Attachments

JL:amm
EXE-031-13

**INITIATIVE PETITION:
Creation of Health Dept**

Random Sample Figures

Assumptions: (A) 41,138 valid signatures are required*
(B) 69,480 total signatures targeted for submission**

Step #1: Compute percentage of necessary valid signatures to signatures submitted:

$$\frac{41,138}{69,480} = 59.20\%$$

Step #2: Draw at least a 5% random sample quantity of anticipated signatures submitted:

$$5\% \text{ of } 69,480 = 3,474$$

Step #3: Apply valid signature percentage (Step #1) to random sample (Step #2):

$$59.20\% \times 3,474 = 2056.608$$

Step #4: Compute 90 to 110% range of random sample valid signature amount (Step #3):

$$\begin{aligned} .9 \times 2,056.608 &= 1,851 \\ 1.1 \times 2,056.608 &= 2,263 \end{aligned}$$

Determination

If less than 1,851 valid signatures, then insufficient.

If more than 2,263 valid signatures, then sufficient.

If number of valid signatures falls between 1,851 and 2,263, then all signatures will be examined and verified.

****15% of the total votes cast for all candidates for the office of Mayor in an election at which a mayor was elected prior to the filing of the petition.***

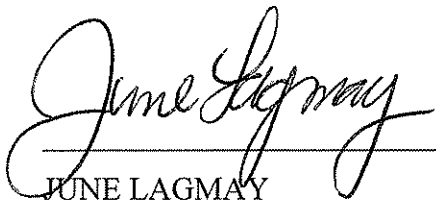
STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS
CITY OF LOS ANGELES)

CERTIFICATION OF SUFFICIENCY

**ORDINANCE INITIATIVE PETITION: CREATION OF A CITY OF LOS ANGELES
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

I, JUNE LAGMAY, City Clerk of the City of Los Angeles, hereby certify to the Los Angeles City Council that I have verified the signatures submitted with the Initiative Petition for the above referenced initiative ordinance, utilizing the random sampling method provided for in Election Code Section 711 (b); and further certify that the Initiative Petition is **SUFFICIENT** and that the attached summary represents a true, correct, and complete summary validation of the Initiative Petition.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the City of Los Angeles this 4th day of June, 2013.



JUNE LAGMAY
CITY CLERK



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK
 PETITION STATISTICS REPORT**

PETITION ID: 11978 REPORT RUN DATE: 6/4/13 9:04 am
 PETITION DESCRIPTION: CREATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT
 CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Total Signatures Submitted 69,480
 Total Sample Size 3,474 (5%)

Total Valid Signatures 2,286
 Total Invalid Signatures 771

Total Processed 3,057
 Total Not Processed 66,423

TOTAL 69,480

BREAKDOWN OF INVALID SIGNATURES

<u>CHALLENGE DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>QTY</u>
DIFFERENT ADDRESS	308
CANCELED	15
FATAL PENDING	39
PO BOX/MAILING ADDRESS	3
MAX NUMBER OF TIMES SIGNED	3
MISCELLANEOUS	61
NOT REGISTERED	254
MISMATCH SIGNATURE	15
WRONG DISTRICT	71
WRONG REG DATE	2
TOTAL	771

Petition Statistics

6/4/2013 9:05:00AM
CREATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

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