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June 10, 2016

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

**SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION OF SUFFICIENCY OF AN ORDINANCE INITIATIVE
PETITION: AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND LABOR STANDARDS FOR GENERAL
PLAN AMENDMENTS AND ZONING CHANGES**

Honorable Members:

On May 16, 2016, in accordance with Charter Section 451, an Initiative Petition entitled Affordable Housing and Labor, Initiative Petition containing 94,238 signatures was filed with the Office of the City Clerk. As provided in City of Los Angeles Election Code Section 711 (b), a random sampling of five percent (5%) or 4,712 signatures were verified to determine the sufficiency or insufficiency of the Initiative Petition.

Of the random sample of 4,712 signatures, 3,381 or more were required to be valid 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 Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, a total of 3,390 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 the following three actions within 20 days of the transmittal of the attached Certificate 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

3. Determine to submit the proposed ordinance, without alteration, to a vote of the electors of the City at either the next regular City election to be held more than 110 days from the date of Council action on the petition or the next Statewide election conducted by the County of Los Angeles to be held more than 110 days from the date of Council action on the petition.

The option of Charter Section 452, ordering a stand-alone special election, is not recommended since it is by far the most expensive option (approximately \$6 million). Further, consolidating the measure onto the state's General Election, to be held on November 8, 2016, will also be expensive (approximately \$4.1 million). The City's regularly-scheduled Primary Nominating Election, which will be conducted on March 7, 2017, meets the requirements of Option 3 as it occurs more than 110 days from the date of Council action with no additional cost.

ELECTION COSTS

Option 1: Adopt the proposed Ordinance, without alteration.

There would be no additional financial impact relative to election costs.

Option 2: Call a stand-alone special election (citywide) to be held not earlier than 110 days or more than 140 days after the Council's action to submit the ordinance to a vote.

This option would require a Citywide Special Election to be held no earlier than October 18, 2016 and no later than November 17, 2016, assuming Council takes action on June 30. A standalone, citywide special election would cost approximately \$6 million. These costs for a citywide special election would include establishing polling sites for 1,600 voting precincts; recruiting, training and deploying 6,400 pollworkers; preparing, translating and distributing 1.8 million Sample Ballots/Voter Information Pamphlets, and other election support functions. This option may also entail possible voter fatigue due to City of Los Angeles voters being asked to vote in two elections within a month.

Because the state's general election falls on November 8, a separate, standalone election is not advised. To consolidate this special election onto the County ballot, an allocation of approximately \$4.1 million may be required for the first measure. This assumes that no other measures would be consolidated onto the County's ballot. However, if additional measures are placed onto the County's ballot, the cost to the City for each additional measure is approximately \$400,000.

Option 3: Determine to submit the proposed ordinance, without alteration at the City's 2017 Primary Nominating Election to be held March 7, 2017.

If the City Council determines to submit the proposed ordinance to the electorate at the March 7, 2017 City Primary Nominating Election, there will be zero to minimal additional financial impact relative to election costs since there will be citywide races included on the ballot.

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COST OF PROCESSING THE SIGNATURES

The City Clerk was able to absorb the cost of petition checking by reallocating \$105,000 from existing salary savings.

RECOMMENDATION:

Based solely on election cost information, that the City Council take one of the following two actions:

1. Adopt the 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 regularly-scheduled Primary Nominating Election scheduled for March 7, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no election fiscal impact for adopting Recommendation 1 (adopt ordinance) in this report. There is zero to minimal election cost for adopting Recommendation 2 (March 2017 ballot) in this report, assuming there will be citywide races and a moderate number of Council-sponsored measures on that ballot.

If, however, the City Council chooses to place this measure before the voters on a special standalone election, the cost is estimated to be \$6,000,000. If Council chooses to place this measure before the voters on the County's November 2016 Election, the cost is estimated to be \$4,100,000 for the first measure, and \$400,000 for each additional measure.

Sincerely,



Holly L. Wolcott
City Clerk

Attachments

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

PETITION ID: 14081 REPORT RUN DATE: 6/7/16 9:51 am

PETITION DESCRIPTION: AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND LABOR STANDARDS FOR GENERAL PLAN
 CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Total Signatures Submitted 94,238
 Total Sample Size 4,713 (5%)

Total Valid Signatures 3,390
 Total Invalid Signatures 660

Total Processed 4,050
 Total Not Processed 90,188

TOTAL 94,238

BREAKDOWN OF INVALID SIGNATURES

CHALLENGE DESCRIPTION	QTY
DIFFERENT ADDRESS	212
CANCELED	32
FATAL PENDING	22
PO BOX/MAILING ADDRESS	3
MAX NUMBER OF TIMES SIGNED	10
MISCELLANEOUS	5
MISSING SIG ON PETITION	2
NO ADDRESS	20
NOT REGISTERED	182
MISMATCH SIGNATURE	39
WRONG DISTRICT	133
TOTAL	660

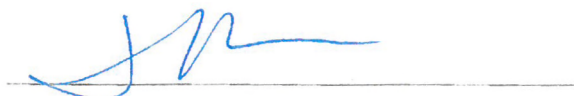
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CITY OF LOS ANGELES)

CERTIFICATION OF SUFFICIENCY

ORDINANCE INITIATIVE PETITION: AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND LABOR STANDARDS FOR GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS AND ZONING CHANGES.

I, HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, 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 7th day of June, 2016.



HOLLY L. WOLCOTT
CITY CLERK



Petition Statistics

01/01/2011 - 01/31/2011

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION STANDARDS FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Total Sigs Required	0
Total Sigs Submitted	94,238
Total Sample Size	4,713
Total Sigs Verified	4,050

		TOTAL CHALLENGED
ADD	DIFFERENT ADDRESS	
	Total	212
CAN	CANCELED	
	Total	32
FP	FATAL PENDING	
	Total	22
MADD	PO BOX/MAILING ADDRESS	
	Total	3
MAX	MAX NUMBER OF TIMES SIGNED	
	Total	10
MS	MISCELLANEOUS	
	Total	5
MSPET	MISSING SIG ON PETITION	
	Total	2
NADD	NO ADDRESS	
	Total	20
NR	NOT REGISTERED	
	Total	182
SIG	MISMATCH SIGNATURE	
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TOTAL VALID : 3,390