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MAYOR

October 12, 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:
CANNABIS ACTIVITY PERMITS AND REGULATION**

Honorable Members:

On September 19, 2016, in accordance with Charter Section 451, an Initiative Petition entitled Cannabis Activity Permits and Regulation. Initiative Ordinance. containing 103,903 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 5,196 signatures were verified to determine the sufficiency or insufficiency of the Initiative Petition.

Of the random sample of 5,196 signatures, 3,384 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 County Registrar-Recorder, 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.

The proposed Initiative Ordinance submitted by these proponents seeks to amend an ordinance previously adopted by the electorate in 2013 (Proposition D) and also seeks to authorize the imposition of a new tax. Therefore, the Council must place this ordinance before the electorate, pursuant to Charter Section 453 and the State Constitution:

Charter Section 453

When an initiative petition requesting the submission of a proposed ordinance amending or repealing an ordinance previously adopted by a vote of the electors is presented to the Council by the City Clerk, the Council must act within 20 days of presentation to submit the proposed ordinance to a vote of the electors of the City as provided in Section 452(b)(2) or (3), unless the petition is withdrawn by the proponents.

Pursuant to Charter Section 453, Council must take one of the following two actions within 20 days of the transmittal of the attached Certificate of Sufficiency to the City Council:

1. 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
2. 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 first option of ordering a stand-alone special election is not recommended since it is by far the most expensive option (approximately \$6 million). The regularly-scheduled Primary Nominating Election which will be held on March 7, 2017, can accommodate the 110-day minimum time frame of the second option with zero to minimal cost. Funds were allocated in the Clerk's Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget for both the 2017 Primary Nominating and General Municipal Elections.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

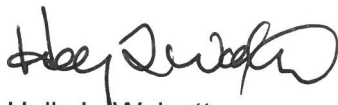
Determine to submit the proposed ordinance, without alteration, to a vote of the electors of the City at the regularly-scheduled Primary Nominating Election scheduled for March 7, 2017, and request the City Attorney to prepare and present the appropriate election ordinance and ballot resolutions.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There will be zero to minimal additional financial impact relative to election costs to place this measure before the voters on the March 7, 2017, Primary Nominating Election, assuming the City does not place an inordinate number of measures on that ballot.

The City Clerk expects to absorb the cost of petition checking by re-allocating approximately \$60,000 from salary savings.

Sincerely,



Holly L. Wolcott
City Clerk

Attachments

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

CERTIFICATION OF SUFFICIENCY

**ORDINANCE INITIATIVE PETITION: CANNABIS ACTIVITY PERMITS AND
REGULATION.**

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 12th day of October, 2016.



HOLLY L. WOLCOTT
CITY CLERK

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

PETITION ID: 14176 REPORT RUN DATE: 10/7/16 1:37 pm
 PETITION DESCRIPTION: CANNABIS ACTIVITY PERMITS AND REGULATION
 CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Total Signatures Submitted 103,903
 Total Sample Size 5,196 (5%)

Total Valid Signatures 3,390
 Total Invalid Signatures 1,363

Total Processed 4,753
 Total Not Processed 99,150

TOTAL 103,903

BREAKDOWN OF INVALID SIGNATURES

CHALLENGE DESCRIPTION	QTY
DIFFERENT ADDRESS	470
CANCELED	44
FATAL PENDING	96
PO BOX/MAILING ADDRESS	4
MAX NUMBER OF TIMES SIGNED	9
MISCELLANEOUS	5
NO ADDRESS	17
NOT REGISTERED	422
MISMATCH SIGNATURE	10
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Petition Statistics

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