

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance calling a Special Election to be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Los Angeles a certain initiative ordinance and consolidating this Special Election with the City's Primary Nominating Election to be held on the same date.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. A Special Election is hereby called to be held in the City of Los Angeles on March 7, 2017, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City a certain initiative ordinance ordered to be placed on the ballot by the Council of the City of Los Angeles pursuant to an initiative petition.

Sec. 2. The ballot title and question to be used at the Special Election for the initiative ordinance to be submitted to the qualified voters of the City of Los Angeles shall be:

**CANNABIS ACTIVITY PERMITS, REGULATION AND TAXATION. INITIATIVE
ORDINANCE ____.**

Shall an ordinance establishing a City permitting program for cannabis activity, prioritizing existing medical marijuana businesses compliant with current City law (MMBs) and maintaining 135 dispensaries in the City unless increased by the City Council, including by: 1) authorizing the City to issue permits for cannabis activity including cultivation, manufacture and sale of medical cannabis; 2) providing existing compliant MMBs a limited time to register for initial permits for specified cannabis activity and other priority in the permitting process; 3) allowing permitted cannabis activity in certain non-residential zones; 4) providing operational standards and minimum-distance requirements from schools and other sites; 5) authorizing fines and other penalties for non-permitted cannabis activity but limit enforcement procedures for violations of the ordinance by permit holders; and 6) allowing permittees to operate as adult use marijuana businesses and impose a tax of \$80 per each \$1,000 of gross receipts from adult use marijuana sales if state law changes to allow non-medical adult use of marijuana; be adopted?

Sec. 3. The initiative ordinance shall be designated on the ballot or ballot pages by a letter or number determined by the City Council in accordance with applicable City and state laws. Upon the designation by the proper officials of the letter or number to be assigned to the initiative ordinance, that letter or number is hereby adopted and shall be the designation for the ballot title.

Sec. 4. To vote on the initiative ordinance, the voter shall mark the ballot next to the word "Yes" or the word "No." A "Yes" vote shall be counted in favor of adoption of

the initiative ordinance and a "No" vote shall be counted against adoption of the initiative ordinance.

Sec. 5. The voting polls on election day shall open at 7:00 a.m., March 7, 2017, and shall remain open until 8:00 p.m. of the same day when the voting polls shall be closed, except as provided in City Election Code Section 857 and State Elections Code Section 14401.

Sec. 6. The Special Election hereby called shall be, and hereby is ordered to be, consolidated with the City's Primary Nominating Election to be held in the City of Los Angeles on Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

Sec. 7. The election precincts, polling places and, officers of election for the Special Election shall be the same as those provided in the City of Los Angeles for the City's Primary Nominating Election, and the elections shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election. Furthermore, for the precincts, polling places, and officers of election, reference is hereby made to the list that will be prepared and approved by the City Clerk and filed in the City Clerk's Office not later than February 7, 2017, and that list is incorporated into and made part of this ordinance.

Sec. 8. In all other particulars, the Special Election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for the conduct of the City's Primary Nominating Election in the City of Los Angeles.

Sec. 9. In the event that the County of Los Angeles calls a Countywide Special Election to be held on the same date as the City's Primary Nominating Election, the City Council may resolve to consolidate the City's Special Election for this ballot measure with the Countywide Special Election, notwithstanding Sections 6, 7 and 8 above. If the elections are consolidated: (1) the election precincts, polling places, and officers of the City Special Election shall be the same as those provided in the City of Los Angeles for the Countywide Special Election; (2) for the precincts, polling places, and officers of election, reference is hereby made to the Order of the Registrar-Recorder of the County of Los Angeles to be adopted for the Countywide Special Election and that Order is incorporated into and made part of this ordinance; (3) the City Clerk shall cause a Voter Information Pamphlet to be prepared and mailed to the voters in accordance with the requirements of the City Election Code; (4) the elections shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election; and (5) the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles shall have authority to canvass the returns of the election, and the City Council of the City of Los Angeles upon receipt of the certified results of the canvass of election returns shall declare the results thereof consistent with the Charter and other applicable law.

Sec. 10. The City Council may resolve to request that the Registrar-Recorder of the County of Los Angeles provide election services to the City related to the City's Special Election for this ballot measure, including to conduct some or all of the City's Special Election for this ballot measure.

Sec. 11. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, at its meeting of _____.

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, City Clerk

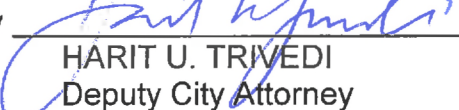
By _____
Deputy

Approved _____

Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

By _____
HARIT U. TRIVEDI
Deputy City Attorney

Date October 20, 2016

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