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July 20, 2022

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:  
LAND USE AND REPLACEMENT HOUSING REQUIREMENTS FOR HOTEL  
DEVELOPERS; PROGRAM TO UTILIZE VACANT HOTEL ROOMS FOR  
UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS; POLICE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR HOTELS**

Honorable Members:

On June 10, 2022, an Initiative Petition entitled Land Use and Replacement Housing Requirements for Hotel Developers; Program to Utilize Vacant Hotel Rooms for Unhoused Individuals; Police Permit Requirements for Hotels, containing 126,006 signatures, was filed with the Office of the City Clerk (City Clerk). We have completed our review of the signatures on the Petition and have certified the Petition as sufficient.

As provided in City of Los Angeles Election Code Section 711 (b), a random sampling of five percent (5%) or 6,301 signatures were verified to determine the sufficiency or insufficiency of the Initiative Petition. Of the random sample of 6,301 signatures, 3,361 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/County Clerk (RR/CC), a total of 4,693 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 generally provides that when presented with a certified initiative petition, 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

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3. Determine to submit the proposed ordinance, without alteration, to a vote of the electors of the City at the next regular City or Statewide election conducted by the RR/CC to be held more than 110 days from the date of Council action.

The second option, ordering a stand-alone Special Election, is not recommended since it is by far the most expensive option (approximately \$12 million). The City's regularly-scheduled Primary Nominating Election, which will be conducted on March 5, 2024, meets the requirements of the third option as it occurs more than 110 days from the date of Council action with no additional cost, if there will already be Citywide measures on the ballot.

## **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 November 27, 2022 and no later than December 27, 2022, assuming Council takes action on August 9, 2022. A standalone, Citywide Special Election would cost approximately \$12 million and approximately \$200,000 for each additional measure, which includes preparing Voter Information Pamphlets (VIPs) for City of Los Angeles registered voters along with costs incurred by the RR/CC to conduct the Special Election. 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.

Option 3: Determine to submit the proposed ordinance, without alteration at the City's 2022 Primary Nominating Election to be held March 5, 2024.

If the City Council determines to submit the proposed ordinance to the electorate at the March 5, 2024 Primary Nominating Election, and there are already a moderate number of Council-sponsored measures on the ballot, there will be zero to minimal cost for adopting the recommendation in this report. If this initiative ordinance is the first measure placed on the ballot, it will cost an estimated extra \$5 million in addition to the existing potential \$6 million Primary Nominating Election (for odd-numbered Council Districts, only).

## **COST OF PROCESSING THE SIGNATURES**

The City Clerk expects to absorb the cost of petition checking by re-allocating approximately \$150,000 from salary savings.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That if the City Council wishes to hold an election in response to the certified Initiative Petition:

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 5, 2024.

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## FISCAL IMPACT

There is zero to minimal cost for adopting the recommendation in this report, if there are already a moderate number of Council-sponsored measures on the March 5, 2024 ballot. If this initiative ordinance is the first measure placed on the ballot, it will cost an estimated extra \$5 million in addition to the existing potential \$6 million Primary Nominating Election.

If, however, the City Council chooses to place this measure before the voters on a Special Election, the cost of that Election is estimated to be \$12 million and an additional \$200,000 for each additional measure.

Sincerely,

Signed with ClerkSign



Jul 20, 2022 8:38AM

Holly L. Wolcott  
City Clerk

## Attachments

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EXE-050-22

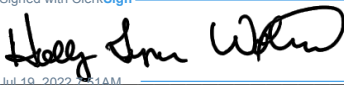
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES        ) SS  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES            )

**CERTIFICATION OF SUFFICIENCY**

**ORDINANCE INITIATIVE PETITION: LAND USE AND REPLACEMENT HOUSING REQUIREMENTS FOR HOTEL DEVELOPERS; PROGRAM TO UTILIZE VACANT HOTEL ROOMS FOR UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS; POLICE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR HOTELS**

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 19th day of July, 2022.

Signed with ClerkSign  
  
Jul 19, 2022 10:14AM

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT  
CITY CLERK



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

PETITION ID: 17856 REPORT RUN DATE: 7/18/22 1:13 pm

PETITION DESCRIPTION: LAND USE AND REPLACEMENT HOUSING  
 CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Total Signatures Submitted	126,006
Total Sample Size	6,301 ( 5% )

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Total Valid Signatures	4,693
Total Invalid Signatures	1,287

Total Processed	5,980
Total Not Processed	120,026

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TOTAL	126,006
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**BREAKDOWN OF INVALID SIGNATURES**

<u>CHALLENGE DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>QTY</u>
DIFFERENT ADDRESS	386
CANCELED	47
FATAL PENDING	13
PO BOX/MAILING ADDRESS	8
MAX NUMBER OF TIMES SIGNED	31
MISSING SIG ON PETITION	7
NO ADDRESS	92
NOT REGISTERED	527
MISMATCH SIGNATURE	26
WRONG DISTRICT	150
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# Petition Statistics

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