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September 15, 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 A REFERENDUM PETITION AGAINST
ORDINANCE NO. 187566 (HEALTHCARE WORKER MINIMUM WAGE)**

Honorable Members:

On August 10, 2022, a Referendum Petition (Petition) entitled Referendum Against Ordinance No. 187566, containing 88,315 total signatures, was filed with the Office of the City Clerk (City Clerk). As a result, Ordinance No. 187566 is suspended pending the results of the referendum. A referendum petition must contain the valid signatures of at least 40,717 qualified registered voters of the City of Los Angeles (City) to qualify as sufficient. The City Clerk has completed the review of the signatures on the Petition and has certified the Petition as sufficient.

As provided in City Election Code Section 717(b), a random sampling of five percent (5%) or 4,416 signatures were verified to determine the sufficiency or insufficiency of the Petition. Of the random sample of 4,416 signatures, 2,240 or more were required to be valid for the 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 3,370 valid signatures were identified. Thus, I have determined that the Petition is SUFFICIENT and I hereby present the attached Certification of Sufficiency to the Los Angeles City Council (City Council).

Ordinance No. 187566 was adopted by the City Council in response to a certified initiative petition. Under the City Charter, when presented with a certified referendum petition against an initiative ordinance, such as Ordinance No. 187566, the City Council must call a referendary vote on the Ordinance, by taking one of the following 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 City Council action on the Petition to submit the Ordinance to a referendary vote; or
2. Determine to submit the Ordinance to a vote of the electors of the City for approval or rejection at the next regular City or Statewide Election conducted by the RR/CC to be held more than 110 days from the date of certification of the Petition.

The first option, ordering a stand-alone Special Election, is the most expensive option (approximately \$19 million). The City's regularly-scheduled Primary Nominating Election, to be held

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on March 5, 2024, meets the requirements of the second option as it occurs more than 110 days from the date of certification of the Petition with minimal additional cost.

ELECTION COSTS

Option 1: Call a stand-alone Special Election (Citywide) to be held not earlier than 110 days or more than 140 days after the City Council's action to submit the Ordinance to a referendary vote.

If the City Council wishes to hold a Citywide Special Election, that Election would need to be held between January 3, 2023 and February 22, 2023, dependent upon when City Council takes action. Within that time frame, both the RR/CC and the City have determined that a Special Election date of February 7, 2023, would not conflict with any other on-going activities for both jurisdictions. A stand-alone, Citywide Special Election on the referendum would cost approximately \$19 million, which includes the preparation of a Voter Information Pamphlet (VIP) for City voters, along with the costs incurred by the RR/CC to conduct the Special Election.

Option 2: Determine to submit the Ordinance for approval or rejection at the City's 2024 Primary Nominating Election to be held on March 5, 2024.

If the City Council determines to submit the Ordinance to the electorate at the March 5, 2024 Primary Nominating Election, there will be zero to minimal election costs.

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 the City Council determine to submit Ordinance No. 187566 to a referendary vote of the electors of the City at either: a Special Election held on February 7, 2023 (Option 1); or at the regularly-scheduled Primary Nominating Election scheduled for March 5, 2024 (Option 2).

FISCAL IMPACT

If the City Council chooses to place this measure before the voters at a Special Election, the cost of that Election is estimated to be approximately \$19 million (includes both City and County election costs). Placing the referendum on the March 5, 2024 ballot will have zero to minimal costs as there will be funding for measures included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget. Please note that the RR/CC will not have cost estimates or calculators available until approximately three months before an election.

Sincerely,

Signed with ClerkSign

Sep 15, 2022 1:00PM

Holly L. Wolcott
City Clerk

Attachments

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EXE-072-22

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



CERTIFICATION OF SUFFICIENCY

REFERENDUM PETITION AGAINST ORDINANCE NO. 187566

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 Referendum Petition against the above referenced ordinance, utilizing the random sampling method provided for in Election Code Section 717 (b); and further certify that the Referendum Petition is **SUFFICIENT** and that the attached summary represents a true, correct, and complete summary validation of the Referendum Petition.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the City of Los Angeles this 14th day of September, 2022.

Signed with ClerkSign


Sep 14, 2022 10:59 AM 

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT
CITY CLERK



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

PETITION ID: 18211 REPORT RUN DATE: 9/13/22 8:04 am

PETITION DESCRIPTION: REFERENDUM AGAINST ORD. #187566
 MINIMUM WAGE

Total Signatures Submitted 88,315
 Total Sample Size 4,417 (5%)

Total Valid Signatures 3,370
 Total Invalid Signatures 1,023

Total Processed 4,393
 Total Not Processed 83,922

TOTAL 88,315

BREAKDOWN OF INVALID SIGNATURES

<u>CHALLENGE DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>QTY</u>
DIFFERENT ADDRESS	315
CANCELED	48
FATAL PENDING	20
PO BOX/MAILING ADDRESS	2
MAX NUMBER OF TIMES SIGNED	1
MISSING SIG ON PETITION	1
NO ADDRESS	4
NOT REGISTERED	492
MISMATCH SIGNATURE	13
WITHDRAWN SIGNATURES	12
WRONG DISTRICT	115
TOTAL	1,023

Petition Statistics

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TOTAL VALID : 3,370