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May 31, 2022

Honorable Members of the
Los Angeles City Council
c/o Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
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**SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION OF SUFFICIENCY OF AN ORDINANCE INITIATIVE PETITION:
FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND TENANT ASSISTANCE
PROGRAMS THROUGH SPECIAL TAX ON REAL PROPERTY TRANSFERS
OVER \$5 MILLION**

Honorable Members:

On May 2, 2022, an Initiative Petition entitled Funding for Affordable Housing and Tenant Assistance Programs Through Special Tax on Real Property Transfers Over \$5 Million, containing 98,043 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 4,903 signatures were verified to determine the sufficiency or insufficiency of the Initiative Petition. Of the random sample of 4,903 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, a total of 4,206 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

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

The first option is not available here because the proposed ordinance would establish a new tax and includes other provisions that require voter approval under the State Constitution. 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 General Election, which will be conducted on November 8, 2022, meets the requirements of the third option as it occurs more than 110 days from the date of Council action with no 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 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 8, 2022 and no later than November 7, 2022, assuming Council takes action on June 20, 2022. A standalone, Citywide Special Election would cost approximately \$12 million, which includes preparing Voter Information Pamphlets (VIPs) for City of Los Angeles registered voters along with costs incurred by the Los Angeles County/Registrar-Recorder 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 2: Determine to submit the proposed ordinance, without alteration at the City's 2022 General Election to be held November 8, 2022.

If the City Council determines to submit the proposed ordinance to the electorate at the November 8, 2022 General Election, there will be zero to minimal additional financial impact relative to Election costs since there will be city-wide races included on the ballot.

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 take the following action on 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 General Election scheduled for November 8, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is zero to minimal cost for adopting the recommendation in this report, assuming there will be a Citywide race or a moderate number of Council-sponsored measures on the November ballot.

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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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Holly L. Wolcott', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Holly L. Wolcott
City Clerk

Attachments

HLW/PFS/JP/SA:ih
EXE-038-22

Petition Statistics

5/27/2022 7:44:25AM
FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Petition ID:17825

Total Sigs Required	0
Total Sigs Submitted	98,043
Total Sample Size	4,903
Total Sigs Verified	4,837

		TOTAL CHALLENGED
ADD	DIFFERENT ADDRESS	
	Total	173
CAN	CANCELED	
	Total	17
FP	FATAL PENDING	
	Total	5
MADD	PO BOX/MAILING ADDRESS	
	Total	6
MAX	MAX NUMBER OF TIMES SIGNED	
	Total	2
MS	MISCELLANEOUS	
	Total	3
MSPET	MISSING SIG ON PETITION	
	Total	7
NADD	NO ADDRESS	
	Total	47
NR	NOT REGISTERED	
	Total	310
SIG	MISMATCH SIGNATURE	
	Total	51
WDIST	WRONG DISTRICT	
	Total	10
TOTAL		631

TOTAL VALID : 4,206

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

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES

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Total Valid Signatures	4,206
Total Invalid Signatures	631

Total Processed	4,837
Total Not Processed	93,206

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BREAKDOWN OF INVALID SIGNATURES

<u>CHALLENGE DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>QTY</u>
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CERTIFICATION OF SUFFICIENCY

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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 27th day of May, 2022.



HOLLY L. WOLCOTT
CITY CLERK

