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August 9, 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:  
CITY MOBILITY PLAN STREET IMPROVEMENT MEASURES**

Honorable Members:

On June 30, 2022, an Initiative Petition entitled City Mobility Plan Street Improvement Measures, containing 105,182 signatures, was filed with the Office of the City Clerk (City Clerk). The City Clerk has completed the review of the signatures on the Petition and has 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 5,260 signatures were verified to determine the sufficiency or insufficiency of the Initiative Petition. Of the random sample of 5,260 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 3,869 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 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 December 17, 2022 and no later than January 16, 2023, assuming Council takes action on August 29, 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 couple of months.

Option 3: Determine to submit the proposed ordinance, without alteration at the City's 2024 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 funds for ballot measures are already budgeted, there will be zero to minimal election costs for adopting the recommendation in this report. If funds are not included in the Fiscal Year 23-24 Budget, then the first ballot measure will cost approximately \$5 million, and \$200,000 for each additional measure, in addition to the existing potential \$6 million for the cost of the Primary Nominating Election (currently for odd-numbered Council District races, 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, the 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 5, 2024.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Assuming funds are budgeted for measures on the March 5, 2024 ballot, zero to minimal costs will be required relative to election costs. However, if funds are not included in the Fiscal Year 23-24 Budget, then the estimated cost to place the first measure on the ballot is \$5 million and

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any additional measure will have incremental costs of \$200,000. Please note that the RR/CC will not have cost estimates or calculators available until approximately December 2023. The City Clerk does not evaluate any fiscal impact of the proposed ordinance itself.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Holly L. Wolcott", written in a cursive style.

Holly L. Wolcott  
City Clerk

Attachments

HLW/PFS/JP/AM:ih  
EXE-060-22

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


### CERTIFICATION OF SUFFICIENCY

#### **ORDINANCE INITIATIVE PETITION:     CITY MOBILITY PLAN STREET IMPROVEMENT MEASURES.**

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 8th day of August, 2022.

Signed with ClerkSign

Aug 08, 2022 8:54AM

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT  
CITY CLERK



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

PETITION ID: 17859 REPORT RUN DATE: 8/5/22 1:42 pm

PETITION DESCRIPTION: CITY MOBILITY PLAN  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Total Signatures Submitted	105,182
Total Sample Size	5,260 ( 5% )

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Total Valid Signatures	3,869
Total Invalid Signatures	1,192

Total Processed	5,061
Total Not Processed	100,121

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TOTAL	105,182
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**BREAKDOWN OF INVALID SIGNATURES**

<u>CHALLENGE DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>QTY</u>
DIFFERENT ADDRESS	368
CANCELED	53
FATAL PENDING	19
PO BOX/MAILING ADDRESS	10
MAX NUMBER OF TIMES SIGNED	10
MISSING SIG ON PETITION	7
NO ADDRESS	61
NOT REGISTERED	551
MISMATCH SIGNATURE	28
WRONG DISTRICT	85
TOTAL	1,192

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