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## CITY CLERK APPROVES INITIATIVE ORDINANCE PETITION FOR CIRCULATION

**LOS ANGELES** — Los Angeles City Clerk Holly Wolcott announced that a petition for an Initiative Ordinance submitted on July 11, 2016, relative to *Cannabis Activity Permits And Regulation*, was approved by the Office of the City Clerk on August 2, 2016 for circulation and collection of signatures of registered voters in the City of Los Angeles. The official title and summary of the proposal as prepared by the City Attorney is included below:

### CANNABIS ACTIVITY PERMITS AND REGULATION. INITIATIVE ORDINANCE.

This ordinance would establish a City permitting program for cannabis activity, giving priority to existing medical marijuana businesses compliant with current City law (MMBs) and maintaining 135 dispensaries in the City unless increased by the City Council. The ordinance would: 1) authorize the City to issue permits for cannabis activity including the cultivation, manufacture and sale of medical cannabis; 2) provide existing compliant MMBs a limited time to register for initial permits for specified cannabis activity and other priority in the permitting process; 3) allow permitted cannabis activity in certain non-residential zones; 4) provide operational standards and minimum-distance requirements from schools and other sites; 5) authorize fines and other penalties for non-permitted cannabis activity but limit enforcement procedures for violations of the ordinance by permit holders; and 6) allow permittees to operate as adult use marijuana businesses and impose a business 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.

In accordance with Charter Section 451(b), all names signed to the petition must have been secured not more than 120 days prior to the date of filing the completed petition. The petition must be signed by 61,487\* registered voters of the City of Los Angeles. In addition, if the petition is not filed within two years after it has been approved for circulation, the proponents must entirely re-submit the petition for approval. Proponents of this initiative aim to qualify placement of the proposed initiative on the March 7, 2017 ballot.

The Office of the City Clerk administers elections for the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Unified School District, and the Los Angeles Community College District. More information can be found on the City Clerk's election website at: [clerk.lacity.org/elections](http://clerk.lacity.org/elections) or contact the Election Division at (213) 978-0444, or toll-free at (888) 873-1000 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

\*Per Charter Section 451(b), the number of signatures reflects 15% of total votes cast for all candidates for the Office of Mayor at the last election at which the Mayor was elected.

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