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CITY CLERK CERTIFIES SUFFICIENCY OF SIGNATURES ON INITIATIVE ORDINANCE PETITION CANNABIS ACTIVITY PERMITS AND REGULATION. INITIATIVE ORDINANCE.

LOS ANGELES— Los Angeles City Clerk Holly L. Wolcott announced today that the number of verified signatures filed by proponents relative to *Cannabis Activity Permits and Regulation. Initiative Ordinance*, has achieved sufficiency.

The petition contained 103,903 signatures. In order for the petition to be deemed sufficient, 61,487* valid signatures were required. As provided by the City's Election Code, the City Clerk utilized a random sampling procedure, which included the examination of at least 5% of the signatures. The statistical sampling showed that the number of valid signatures was 110%, or more, of the number needed to declare the petition sufficient, which satisfied the minimum threshold. The City Clerk certified the results on October 12, 2016, and prepared and presented a Certification of Sufficiency report to the City Council.

Charter Section 453 provides that the Council must take one of the following actions within 20 days of the Clerk's transmittal of the Certification 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 Council action on the petition to submit the proposed ordinance, without alteration, to a vote of the electors of the City; or
2. Determine to submit the proposed ordinance, without alteration, to a vote of the electors of the City at either the next regular City election to be held more than 110 days from the date of Council action on the petition or the next statewide election conducted by the County of Los Angeles be held more than 110 days from the date of Council action on the petition.

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*This number reflects 15% of total votes cast for all candidates for the Office of Mayor at the last election at which the Mayor was elected at the time the petition was filed (Charter Section 451b).

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