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## CITY COUNCIL TAKES ACTION REGARDING CANNABIS ACTIVITY PERMITS AND REGULATION INITIATIVE ORDINANCE PETITION

**LOS ANGELES**— Los Angeles City Clerk Holly L. Wolcott announced today that the *Cannabis Activity Permits and Regulation. Initiative Ordinance*, will appear on the March 7, 2017 ballot.

On October 12, 2016, the initiative petition requesting adoption of the proposed ordinance was presented to the City Council. Pursuant to Charter Section 453, the City Council determined on November 1, 2016, to submit the initiative ordinance, without alteration, to a vote of the electors of the City at the March 7, 2017 Primary Nominating Election to be conducted by the City of Los Angeles.

The Official Title and Question is as follows:

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

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

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