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## **CITY CLERK APPROVES INITIATIVE ORDINANCE PETITION FOR CIRCULATION WORKPLACE SECURITY, WORKLOAD, WAGE, AND RETENTION MEASURES FOR HOTEL WORKERS INITIATIVE ORDINANCE**

LOS ANGELES (**January 21, 2022**) — Los Angeles City Clerk Holly L. Wolcott announced today that a petition draft for an Initiative Ordinance submitted on January 14, 2022, was approved by the Office of the City Clerk on January 21, 2022, 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:

### **WORKPLACE SECURITY, WORKLOAD, WAGE, AND RETENTION MEASURES FOR HOTEL WORKERS INITIATIVE ORDINANCE**

The proposed ordinance would require hotels to supply workers with personal security devices and to afford certain protections to workers reporting violent or threatening conduct by hotel guests. The ordinance also would require hotels with 45 rooms or more to pay wage premiums when assigning workloads exceeding specified limits and to obtain written consent from workers who work more than 10 hours in a workday. Hotels demonstrating economic hardship would be able to obtain waivers from the above requirements. The ordinance would also expand the definition of "Hotel" in certain existing City ordinances to include transient occupancy residential structures and it would expand the scope of those ordinances regarding hotel workers: current worker retention rules for airport-area hotels would extend to hotels throughout the City with 50 or more rooms; and current minimum wage requirements for hotels with 150 or more rooms would extend to hotels with 60 or more rooms.

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 64,785\* 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.

The Office of the City Clerk administers candidate filing for the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Unified School District. More information can be found on the City Clerk's election website: <https://clerk.lacity.org/elections> or by contacting 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.

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\*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.

