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CITY CLERK APPROVES INITIATIVE ORDINANCE PETITION FOR CIRCULATION MINIMUM WAGE FOR EMPLOYEES WORKING AT HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

LOS ANGELES (**February 16, 2022**) — Los Angeles City Clerk Holly L. Wolcott announced that a petition for an Initiative Ordinance submitted was approved by the Office of the City Clerk on February 16, 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:

MINIMUM WAGE FOR EMPLOYEES WORKING AT HEALTHCARE FACILITIES. INITIATIVE ORDINANCE.

The proposed ordinance would establish a \$25 per hour minimum wage for an employee working at a covered healthcare facility in the City, including a clinician, nurse, aide, technician, maintenance worker, janitorial or housekeeping staff, groundskeeper, guard, food service worker, pharmacist, and administrative or clerical worker, but not including a manager or supervisor. A covered healthcare facility would include a hospital, clinic, hospital skilled nursing facility, and other facilities specified in the ordinance. The minimum wage rate would be adjusted annually for increases in the cost of living. The ordinance would prohibit an employer from funding the minimum wage increase through layoffs or reductions in benefits or hours. The ordinance would allow a one-year, court-granted waiver to an employer demonstrating sufficient financial hardship.

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.