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CITY CLERK APPROVES INITIATIVE ORDINANCE PETITION FOR CIRCULATION HOMELESSNESS AND PUBLIC ENCAMPMENTS

LOS ANGELES (**March 3, 2022**) — Los Angeles City Clerk Holly L. Wolcott announced that a petition submitted for an Initiative Ordinance was approved by the Office of the City Clerk on March 3, 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:

HOMELESSNESS AND PUBLIC ENCAMPMENTS. INITIATIVE ORDINANCE.

The proposed ordinance would require the City to establish and fund an interim housing plan for the City's homeless population within three years. The ordinance states that the salaries of elected City officials would be deferred or forfeited if the City fails to meet certain benchmarks. The ordinance states that the Mayor would be granted sole authority to declare a local homelessness emergency, under which the City must offer housing to unsheltered individuals and may bypass zoning restrictions, environmental review and other requirements. The ordinance would amend existing City law with regard to where a person experiencing homelessness could lawfully dwell, prohibiting public dwelling Citywide by any individual who is offered but does not accept adequate shelter. The ordinance would maintain some existing City prohibitions (blocking egress, and dwelling near designated underpasses and homeless facilities), and eliminate others (dwelling near designated schools or parks, unless an offer of shelter is provided). The ordinance would expand restrictions regarding public storage of personal property and conduct subject to misdemeanor prosecution.

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.