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### **CITY CLERK TO VERIFY SIGNATURES ON REFERENDUM AGAINST ORDINANCE NO. 187566 (HEALTHCARE WORKER MINIMUM WAGE)**

LOS ANGELES (**August 30, 2022**) — Los Angeles City Clerk Holly Wolcott announced today that the raw number count of referendum petition signatures submitted on August 10, 2022 by proponents relative to *Healthcare Workers Minimum Wage Referendum Petition* is sufficient in number to proceed to the next step which will be to examine and verify the signatures for validity.

The referendum petition was approved for circulation on July 14, 2022. The proponents had a 30-day circulation period to collect 40,717\* valid signatures. As provided by the City's Election Code, the City Clerk will use a random sampling procedure which includes the examination of at least five percent of the signatures. The City Clerk must conclude the random sampling procedure no later than September 13, 2022. If the statistical sampling shows that the number of valid signatures is less than 90% of the number needed to declare the petition sufficient, the City Clerk will certify the petition as insufficient. If the statistical sampling shows that the number of valid signatures is more than 110% of the number needed to declare the petition sufficient, the City Clerk will certify the petition as sufficient. If the statistical sampling shows that the number of valid signatures is within 90 to 110% of the number needed to declare the petition sufficient, the City Clerk will, within 30 days after completing the random sampling, examine and verify each signature filed.

If signature verification results in sufficiency, the City Clerk will prepare and send a Certification of Sufficiency report to the City Council. Ordinance No. 187566 was adopted by City Council in response to a certified initiative petition. Under the Charter, when presented with a certified referendum petition of an initiative ordinance, the City Council must call a referendary vote on the ordinance by taking 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 submit the ordinance to a vote for approval or rejection at an election to be held not earlier than 110 days nor more than 140 days after the Council action on the petition; or
2. Determine to submit the ordinance to a vote of the qualified electors of the City for approval or rejection at either the next regular City election to be held more than 110 days from the date of certification of the petition or the next Statewide election conducted by the County of Los Angeles to be held more than 110 days from the date of certification of the petition.

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.

\*Per Charter Section 461(a), the number of signatures reflects 10% of total votes cast for all candidates for the Office of Mayor at the last election at which the Mayor was elected.

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