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CITY CLERK CERTIFIES SUFFICIENCY OF SIGNATURES ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA REFERENDUM PETITION

LOS ANGELES (September 17, 2012) — Los Angeles City Clerk June Lagmay announced today that the number of verified signatures filed by proponents of a referendum upon the City's marijuana ordinance has achieved sufficiency.

The petition contained 49,021 pre-verified signatures. In order for the petition to be deemed sufficient, 27,425* valid signatures were required. As provided by the City's Election Code, the City Clerk utilized a random sampling procedure which included the examination of at least five percent of the signatures. The statistical sampling showed that the number of valid signatures was 110% or more of the number needed to declare the petition sufficient, which satisfied the minimum threshold. The City Clerk today has presented a Certification of Sufficiency to the City Council.

Charter Section 462 provides that the Council must take one of the following three actions within 20 days of the Clerk's transmittal of the Certificate of Sufficiency to the City Council:

1. Repeal the ordinance; or
2. Call a special election to be held not earlier than 110 days or later than 140 days after Council action on the petition; or
3. Add the ordinance to the next regular City election to be held more than 110 days from certification of the petition, which in this case would be the City's March 5, 2013 Primary Nominating Election.

The Council is anticipated to take up this matter before October 7, 2012.

For further information or assistance, please call 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.

The Office of the City Clerk - Election Division administers elections for the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Los Angeles Community College District. The City's upcoming elections will be held March 5, 2013 and May 21, 2013. More information can be found on the City Election Division's website at: <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/>.

*Per Charter Section 461(a), 27,425 reflects 10% of 274,254 which was the total number of votes cast for all candidates for the Office of Mayor at the last election at which the Mayor was elected.

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