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CITY CLERK APPROVES MEDICAL MARIJUANA PETITION FOR CIRCULATION

LOS ANGELES (October 29, 2012) — Los Angeles City Clerk June Lagmay announced today that a petition filed by proponents Metcalf, Rusbosin, Schaffer, Leek, and Carver submitted on October 1, 2012 relative to a “Medical Marijuana Collectives Initiative Ordinance,” was approved by the Office of the City Clerk on October 26, 2012 for circulation and collection of signatures of registered voters in the City of L.A. The official summary of the proposal as prepared by the City Attorney is included below:

MEDICAL MARIJUANA COLLECTIVES. INITIATIVE ORDINANCE.

This ordinance regulates associations of six or more qualified patients and/or primary caregivers who cultivate, process, distribute, deliver, or give away marijuana to an unlimited number of members for medical purposes (MMCs). The ordinance exempts from the regulation, among others, associations of five or fewer qualified patients and/or primary caregivers who process or cultivate medical marijuana on-site for themselves, their qualified patients, or for MMCs. The ordinance prohibits MMCs, but provides limited immunity from enforcement of the ordinance for all MMCs that: operated as of September 14, 2007; timely registered with the City; have not ceased operations for 90 days except to relocate or in response to federal action; provide no ingress/egress from adjacent residential zoned lots; pass annual LAPD background checks; and after 300 days maintain a certain distance from schools, parks, and other designated places. The ordinance establishes operating standards, enforceable as infractions. If the City adopts permit regulations for MMCs, the ordinance requires the City to issue permits to all MMCs immunized by this ordinance.

Proponents have a 120-day window to collect 41,138* valid signatures. December 7, 2012 is the recommended last day for proponents to file the completed petition in order to allow sufficient time to determine whether the measure qualifies in time to be considered for the City’s May 21, 2013 General Election.

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/>.

*This number reflects 15% of total votes cast for all candidates for the Office of Mayor at the last election at which the Mayor was elected (Charter Section 451b).