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## **CITY CLERK APPROVES SECOND MEDICAL MARIJUANA PETITION FOR CIRCULATION**

**LOS ANGELES** (November 13, 2012) — Los Angeles City Clerk June Lagmay announced today that a petition filed by proponents Scott, Kerns, Rephann, Andrews and Le submitted on October 12, 2012 relative to a “Medical Marijuana Collectives Initiative Ordinance,” was approved by the Office of the City Clerk on November 9, 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.

The proposed ordinance regulates and increases taxes on associations of qualified patients and/or primary caregivers who provide money or other consideration toward expenses for cultivating, transporting, processing, providing, selling and/or engaging in other activities related to medical marijuana (MMCs). The ordinance exempts from the regulation dwellings zoned exclusively for residential use, vehicles used to distribute medical marijuana, and certain hospices and licensed clinics. The ordinance prohibits MMCs, but provides limited immunity from enforcement of the ordinance for MMCs that register with the City and comply with certain operational standards. The ordinance does not limit the number of MMCs that can register, but requires the City to give registration priority to MMCs that possessed City tax registration certificates by October 20, 2012. The ordinance’s operational standards include maintaining certain distances from schools and other places, passing background checks, not ceasing to operate for 90 days except in response to federal action, and other requirements. The ordinance increases the business tax on MMCs to \$60 per each \$1,000 of gross receipts.

Proponents have a 120-day window to collect 41,138\* valid signatures. December 28, 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).

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