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CITY CLERK TO VERIFY SIGNATURES ON SECOND MEDICAL MARIJUANA INITIATIVE PETITION

LOS ANGELES (January 2, 2013) — Los Angeles City Clerk June Lagmay announced today that on December 31, 2012, the raw number count of signatures submitted on December 21, 2012 by proponents Scott, Andrews, Kerns, Le and Rephann relative to a second “Medical Marijuana Collectives Initiative Ordinance,” is sufficient in number to proceed to the next step which will be to examine and certify the signatures for validity.

Proponents had a 120-day window from November 9, 2012, the date the petition draft was approved for circulation, to collect 41,138* valid signatures. As provided by the City's Election Code, starting today, the City Clerk will use a random sampling procedure which includes the examination of at least five percent of the signatures. The City Clerk will conclude the random sampling procedure no later than January 15, 2013. 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 shall 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 shall 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 the results of the signature verification are conclusive and the signatures achieve sufficiency, the City Clerk will prepare and send a certification of sufficiency report to the Council. Upon presentation of the certification, the Council must submit the proposed ordinance to a vote at the next election at which all the qualified voters of the City are entitled to vote to be held any time after 90 days from the date of the certification.

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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