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**CITY CLERK CERTIFIES SUFFICIENCY OF SIGNATURES
ON SECOND MEDICAL MARIJUANA INITIATIVE PETITION**

LOS ANGELES (January 7, 2013) — Los Angeles City Clerk June Lagmay announced today that the number of verified signatures filed by proponents Scott, Andrews, Kerns, Le and Rephann relative to a second “Medical Marijuana Collectives Initiative Ordinance,” has achieved sufficiency.

The petition contained 67,601 signatures. In order for the petition to be deemed sufficient, 41,138* valid signatures were required. As provided by the City's Election Code, the City Clerk performed 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 certified the results on January 3, 2013 and will now prepare and present a Certification of Sufficiency report to the City Council.

This proposed Initiative Ordinance contains tax provisions previously adopted by the electorate in 2011 under Proposition M, and therefore, pursuant to Charter Section 453, upon presentation of the Certification, the Council must submit the proposed ordinance to a vote of the electorate at the next election at which all the qualified voters of the City are entitled to vote.

The Council is anticipated to take up this matter before January 30, 2013.

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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