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CITY CLERK CERTIFIES SUFFICIENCY OF SIGNATURES ON FIRST 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 Metcalf, Rusbosin, Schaffer, Leek and Carver relative to a “Medical Marijuana Collectives Initiative Ordinance,” has achieved sufficiency.

The petition contained 70,619 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 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 certified the results on December 28, 2012 and will now prepare and present a Certification of Sufficiency report to the City Council.

Charter Section 452 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. Adopt the proposed ordinance without alteration;
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. Place the ordinance on the ballot at the next regular City election or the next County election to be held more than 110 days from the date of Council action on the petition, which, if Council takes action by January 23, 2013, would be the City's May 21, 2013 General Municipal Election.

The Council is anticipated to take up this matter before January 23, 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).