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CITY CALLS FOR REQUESTS TO MAKE BALLOT MEASURE ARGUMENTS 2013 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

LOS ANGELES (February 15, 2013) — Los Angeles City Clerk June Lagmay today announced that Council President Herb J. Wesson, Jr. is calling upon individuals and organizations who wish to write arguments concerning the four measures to appear on the City of Los Angeles May 2013 General Municipal Election ballot to submit requests to him **no later than 2:00 p.m. Thursday, February 21, 2013**. Ballot arguments in favor of and against these measures will be published in the Voter Information Pamphlet which is mailed to all registered voters.

The following four measures will appear on the May 2013 General Municipal Election ballot:

- **Proposition C** - Resolution to Support Constitutional Amendment Regarding Limits on Political Campaign Spending and Rights of Corporations.
- **Proposition D** - Medical Marijuana Regulation and Taxation. Limit Number of Businesses to Approximately 135 that Operated Since September 2007 and Registered, if They Meet Other Requirements and Operational Standards. Exempt Dwellings of Three or Fewer Patients/Caregivers Cultivating Medical Marijuana for Their Patients or Themselves from Regulation. Increase Taxes on Medical Marijuana Businesses.
- **Initiative Ordinance E** - Medical Marijuana Regulation. Limit Number of Collectives Where Six or More Patients/Caregivers Gather to Those that Operated Since September 2007, Registered and Meet Other Requirements. Establish Operational Standards Enforced as Infractions. Exempt Five or Fewer Patients/Caregivers Cultivating Medical Marijuana for Collectives, Their Patients or Themselves From Regulation.
- **Initiative Ordinance F** - Medical Marijuana Regulation and Taxation. Require Collectives to Register and Meet Other Requirements and Operational Standards. No Limitation on Number that Can Register. Exempt Dwellings Zoned Residential from Regulation. Increase Taxes on Collectives.

Council President Wesson will designate applicants from the request pool to be considered by the City Council's Rules and Elections Committee at its special meeting on Friday, February 22, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. Designated authors will be notified by the City Clerk and provided with the necessary forms and detailed instructions.

The attached letter from Council President Wesson further explains the ballot measure argument submission process. Also attached is the form to request to be the designated author of a ballot argument in favor of or against a measure.

For further information or assistance, please contact Shannon Hoppes, Division Manager of the City Clerk's Council and Public Services Office at (213) 978-1050 or shannon.hoppes@lacity.org between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 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 Primary Nominating Election will be held March 5, 2013 and the General Municipal Election will be held May 21, 2013. More information can be found on the Election Division's website at: <http://clerk.lacity.org/Elections/>.

Attachments

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HERB J. WESSON, JR.
COUNCILMEMBER, 10TH DISTRICT
PRESIDENT, LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

February 14, 2013

All Interested Parties

RE: BALLOT ARGUMENTS - MAY 21, 2013 CITY GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The City Council has adopted resolutions to place the following four Ballot Measures before the voters on the May 21, 2013, City's General Municipal Election:

Resolution to Support Constitutional Amendment Regarding Limits on Political Campaign Spending and Rights of Corporations.
PROPOSITION C.

Medical Marijuana Regulation and Taxation. Limit Number of Businesses to Approximately 135 that Operated Since September 2007 and Registered, if They Meet Other Requirements and Operational Standards. Exempt Dwellings of Three or Fewer Patients/Caregivers Cultivating Medical Marijuana for Their Patients or Themselves from Regulation. Increase Taxes on Medical Marijuana Businesses.
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INITIATIVE ORDINANCE F.

Initiative Ordinance E and Initiative Ordinance F

These measures have qualified for the ballot as a result of the initiative petition process. Accordingly, Section 605(b) of the City Election Code specifies that Arguments and Rebuttal Arguments **In Favor of** these initiative ordinances shall be written by the proponents and signed by at least one of the five proponents on behalf of the proponents filing the initiative. The proponents will be contacted by the City Clerk under separate cover and provided with detailed instructions and the necessary forms to proceed.

Authors of the Arguments and Rebuttal Arguments **Against** these initiative ordinances shall be designated by the President of the City Council, with the approval of the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, as provided in City Election Code Section 605(c) and described further below.

Proposition C and Proposition D

These measures were placed on the ballot by the City Council. Accordingly, Section 605(c) of the City Election Code specifies that the President of the City Council, with the approval of the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, may designate a person or association of persons to write arguments and/or rebuttals **In Favor of and Against** the adoption of measures to be placed on the ballot. In making a designation, the President of the City Council shall give preference in the following order: (1) an elected officer of the City; (2) an appointive officer of the City; (3) bona fide associations of citizens; (4) individual voters. Please note, elected officials and City employees submitting ballot arguments do so wholly in their personal capacity.

Individuals wishing to be designated to write arguments related to the measures named in this section should submit written requests to my Office **no later than 2:00 p.m. on Thursday February 21, 2013**. A form which may be used for this purpose is attached for your convenience. A copy of your request should also be forwarded to the Office of the City Clerk, Room 395 City Hall, Attention: Shannon Hoppes.

The Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee will consider my designations at a Special Meeting on **Friday February 22, 2013, at 8:30 a.m.** All authors will be notified by the City Clerk and will be provided with detailed instructions and the necessary forms to proceed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Shannon Hoppes in the City Clerk's Office at (213) 978-1050 or shannon.hoppes@lacity.org.

Sincerely,



HERB J. WESSON, JR.
President, Los Angeles City Council
Councilmember, 10th District

Attachment

Ballot Argument LetterMay2013.MMI&MMII.docs

interoffice
MEMORANDUM

Date:

To: The Honorable Herb J. Wesson, Jr., Council President
cc: Shannon Hoppes, Office of the City Clerk

From:

Subject: BALLOT ARGUMENTS – MAY 21, 2013

In accordance with the provisions of Sections 605(b) and (c) of the City Election Code, the undersigned hereby requests designation as the author of the ballot argument for or against the following measures to be submitted to the voters at the City's General Municipal Election on May 21, 2013:

(Please indicate your selected measure(s) with checkmark(s) in the box on the left, and also indicate whether you would like to submit the argument in favor of, or against, the selected measure by checking the space(s) in the appropriate columns on the right. (Also please note, elected officials and City employees submitting ballot arguments do so in their personal capacity.)

<u>BALLOT MEASURE</u>	<u>IN FAVOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution to Support Constitutional Amendment Regarding Limits on Political Campaign Spending and Rights of Corporations. PROPOSITION C.	_____	_____
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INITIATIVE ORDINANCE F.

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Submitted by:

Print name

Date

Sign name

Contact Information
BALLOT ARGUMENTS – MAY 21, 2013

Print name

Street Address

City/Zip

Daytime Phone Number

Daytime E-Mail Address

Name of Designated Representative (if any)

Representative's Daytime Phone Number

Representative's Daytime E-Mail Address