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CITY CLERK APPROVES INITIATIVE ORDINANCE PETITION FOR CIRCULATION
CREATION OF A CITY OF LOS ANGELES HEALTH DEPARTMENT

LOS ANGELES (March 7, 2013) — Los Angeles City Clerk June Lagmay announced today that a petition by proponents Michael Weinstein, Mark Roy McGrath, Dennis Griffin, Marijane Jackson and Gerard Kenslea submitted on January 11, 2013 relative to a “Creation of a City of Los Angeles Public Health Department Initiative Ordinance,” was approved by the Office of the City Clerk on March 7, 2013 for circulation and collection of signatures of registered voters in the City of Los Angeles. The official summary of the proposal as prepared by the City Attorney is included below:

CREATION OF A CITY OF LOS ANGELES PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT. INITIATIVE ORDINANCE.

The proposed ordinance would require the City to establish its own, independent City's Public Health Department. The ordinance would preclude the City's current practice of contracting with the County of Los Angeles for the enforcement of public health laws. The ordinance specifies that the City's Public Health Department would be the only governmental entity authorized to regulate and enforce City and County public health laws within the City of Los Angeles. The ordinance would provide that costs for the creation of the City Public Health Department be derived from current fees paid to the County of Los Angeles for the County's enforcement of public health laws in the City of Los Angeles. The ordinance also would allow for future revenue to be generated by collections of fees associated with the regulation and enforcement of the Public Health Code.

In accordance with Charter Section 451(b), all names signed to the petition must have been secured not more than 120 days prior to the date of filing of the completed petition. The petition must be signed by registered voters of the City of Los Angeles. The number of signatures required is equal to fifteen percent of the total number of votes cast for all candidates for the Office of Mayor at the last election at which a Mayor was elected prior to the filing of the completed petition. In addition, if the petition is not filed within two years after it has been approved for circulation, the proponents must entirely re-submit the petition for approval. Given the timing of the petition, it would not qualify 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 General Municipal Election will be held on May 21, 2013. More information can be found on the City Election Division's website at: <http://clerk.lacity.org/elections>.

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