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**CITY CLERK TO VERIFY SIGNATURES ON INITIATIVE ORDINANCE PETITION  
CREATION OF A CITY OF LOS ANGELES PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**LOS ANGELES** (May 20, 2013) — Los Angeles City Clerk June Lagmay announced today that on May 20, 2013, the raw number count of signatures submitted on May 10, 2013 by proponents Michael Weinstein, Mark Roy McGrath, Dennis Griffin, Marijane Jackson, and Gerard Kenslea relative to a “Creation of a City of Los Angeles Public Health Department 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 two-year window from March 15, 2013, 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 June 4, 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 will 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 will 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. 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 Certification 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. Determine to submit the ordinance to the voters at the earlier of either 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. In this case, the next regularly scheduled election is the Los Angeles County- administered June 3, 2014 Statewide Primary Election.

For further information or assistance, please contact the Office of the City Clerk - Election Division between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at (213) 978-0444 or toll-free at (888) 873-1000.

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. More information can be found on the City Election Division's website at: <http://clerk.lacity.org/elections>.

\*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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