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**CITY CLERK CERTIFIES SUFFICIENCY OF SIGNATURES ON INITIATIVE ORDINANCE PETITION  
CREATION OF A CITY OF LOS ANGELES HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**LOS ANGELES** (June 4, 2013) — City Clerk June Lagmay announced today that the number of verified signatures filed 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,” has achieved sufficiency.

The petition contained 69,480 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 June 4, 2013 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. Determine to place the ordinance on the ballot at the earlier of either 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 the 20<sup>th</sup> day, would be the June 3, 2014 State Primary Election.

The Council is anticipated to take up this matter in the next few weeks.

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.

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\*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 at the time the petition was filed (Charter Section 451b).