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

LOS ANGELES (December 4, 2013) — Los Angeles Interim City Clerk Holly Wolcott announced today that a petition by proponents Michael Weinstein, Peter Reis, Philip Reh, Rachel Young, and Samantha Williamson submitted on November 8, 2013 relative to a “Creation of a Los Angeles City Health Commission Initiative Ordinance,” was approved by the Office of the City Clerk on December 3, 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 LOS ANGELES CITY HEALTH COMMISSION.
INITIATIVE ORDINANCE.

The proposed ordinance would create a Los Angeles City Health Commission composed of 15 members appointed by the members of the City Council. The proposed ordinance requires the new Commission to publish an annual health services plan regarding the health needs and goals of the City. The proposed ordinance requires the City Council to consider and respond to the Commission’s annual health services plan at a public meeting. The County of Los Angeles now provides public health services in the City. The proposed ordinance requires the Commission to review and report on a sample of the County’s contracts for health services in the City. The proposed ordinance requires the City Council to evaluate whether the City should continue to contract with the County for public health services and to study the feasibility of creating an independent City health department.

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 currently required is 61,486 (15 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 June 3, 2014 Statewide Primary 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 next scheduled Municipal Elections will be held on March 3 and May 19, 2015. More information can be found on the City Election Division’s website at: <http://clerk.lacity.org/elections>.

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