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CITY CLERK APPROVES INITIATIVE ORDINANCE PETITION FOR CIRCULATION MINIMUM WAGE

LOS ANGELES (September 10, 2014) — Los Angeles City Clerk Holly Wolcott announced today that a petition by proponents John Parker, Jose Medina, Maggie Vascessenno, Scott Scheffer, and Essie Crosby relative to a “Minimum Wage Initiative Ordinance,” was approved by the Office of the City Clerk on September 9, 2014 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:

MINIMUM WAGE. INITIATIVE ORDINANCE.

This proposed ordinance establishes a minimum wage of \$15 per hour in the City of Los Angeles. The minimum wage requirement would apply to most employers upon the effective date of the ordinance, and to small businesses and nonprofits on January 1, 2017. The minimum wage rate is subject to a yearly increase based on the Consumer Price Index for Los Angeles. The ordinance provides that tips or service charges shall be retained by employees and shall not be included in the minimum wage calculation. The ordinance requires employers to post notices of the minimum wage rate at job sites. The ordinance authorizes the City to issue guidelines, investigate violations, hold administrative hearings and impose administrative penalties, including fines to help offset the City's enforcement costs. The ordinance also authorizes civil court actions against employers for violations of the minimum wage requirement.

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.

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, 2015 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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