



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Staff Report
August 6, 2009

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Certification of Initiative Petitions as Sufficient

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Accept the Sacramento County Registrar of Voters' "Certificate of Petition" that declares the Independent Budget Analyst Act of 2009 petition and Government Accountability and Charter Reform Measure of 2009 petition as sufficient pursuant to law.

Contact: Stephanie Mizuno, Assistant City Clerk, 808-8093
Shirley Concolino, City Clerk, 808-5442

Presenters: N/A

Department: City Clerk's Office

Division: N/A

Organization No: 04001011

Description/Analysis

Issue: As provided in California Elections Code and the City Charter, the City Clerk shall submit the "Certificate of Petition" to the City Council at the next regular meeting after receipt of the certifications. The official certificates declare that both initiative petitions to have affixed thereto sufficient valid signatures to qualify for their placement on the ballot (Attachment 2a/b). Options available to the City Council as to the adoption or placement of the issues on the ballot are presented in a separate staff report by the City Attorney's Office.

Policy Considerations: None.

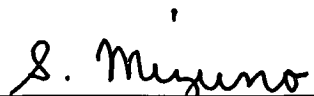
Environmental Considerations: None

Commission/Committee Action: None

Rationale for Recommendation: The California Elections Code and City Charter obligate the City Clerk to present the certificates of sufficiency to the City Council at the next regular meeting after receipt of the certificates.

Financial Considerations: The County of Sacramento will bill the City \$6,000 for the cost of verifying the signatures on these petitions. There are sufficient funds in the elections budget to cover this cost.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Not applicable.

Respectfully Submitted: 
Stephanie Mizuno
Assistant City Clerk

Approved:


Shirley Concolino,
City Clerk

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Background:

On December 12, 2008, two Notices of Intent to circulate initiative petitions (ordinance and charter amendment) were filed with the City Clerk's Office by proponent Thomas W. Hiltachk. The initiative ordinance described as the "Independent Budget Analyst Act of 2009" would amend the Sacramento City Code creating a new Office of the Independent Budget Analyst. The department's function would be to assist the City Council in conducting budgetary inquires and making budgetary decisions. The initiative charter amendment described as the "Government Accountability and Charter Reform Measure of 2009" would modify the Sacramento City Charter to replace the current "Council-Manager" form of government with a "Mayor-Council" form.

The signed petitions were due in the City Clerk's Office no later than June 27, 2009. On June 26, 2009, the proponent submitted both petitions to the City Clerk. Upon review by the Clerk, the number of signatures affixed to the face of the petitions appeared sufficient to accept the petitions for filing. The petitions were submitted to the Sacramento County Registrar of Voter's Office to determine the actual number of valid signatures affixed. The Registrar of Voters completed the signature verification process, and the attached certificates confirm the sufficiency of both petitions.



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REGISTRAR OF VOTERS CERTIFICATE OF PETITION

I, Jill LaVine, Registrar of Voters of the County of Sacramento, State of California, hereby certify:

That the petition, **TRANSMITTAL OF INITIATIVE PETITION FOR SIGNATURE VERIFICATION INDEPENDENT BUDGET ANALYST ACT OF 2009**, was filed with this office on June 26, 2009.

That said petition consists of **5,981 sections**; with **36,490 signatures**.

That each section contains signatures purporting to be the signatures of qualified electors of the City of Sacramento.


That attached to this petition at the time it was filed was an affidavit purporting to be the affidavit of the person who solicited the signatures, and containing the dates between which the purported qualified electors signed this petition;

That the affiant stated his/her own qualification, that s/he had solicited the signatures upon that section, that all of the signatures were made in his/her presence, and that to the best of his/her knowledge and belief each signature to that section was the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be;

That after the proponent filed this petition, I verified 3% of signatures submitted by examining the records of registration in this county, to determine what number of qualified electors signed the petition, and from that examination I have determined the following facts regarding this petition:

1. Number of signatures filed by proponent (raw count)	36,490
2. Number of signatures verified	1,095
a. Number of signatures found SUFFICIENT	840
b. Number of signatures found NOT SUFFICIENT	255
(1) Not Sufficient because DUPLICATE	3

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 23RD day of July, 2009.


JILL LAVINE
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

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I, Jill LaVine, Registrar of Voters of the County of Sacramento, State of California, hereby certify
That the petition, **TRANSMITTAL OF INITIATIVE PETITION FOR SIGNATURE VERIFICATION
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY AND CHARTER REFORM MEASURE OF 2009**, was filed
with this office on June 26, 2009.

That said petition consists of **3,697 sections**; with **52,062 signatures**.

That each section contains signatures purporting to be the signatures of qualified electors of the
City of Sacramento.

That attached to this petition at the time it was filed was an affidavit purporting to be the affidavit of the
person who solicited the signatures, and containing the dates between which the purported qualified electors
signed this petition;

That the affiant stated his/her own qualification, that s/he had solicited the signatures upon that section,
that all of the signatures were made in his/her presence, and that to the best of his/her knowledge and
belief each signature to that section was the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be;

That after the proponent filed this petition, I verified 3% of signatures submitted by examining the records of
registration in this county, to determine what number of qualified electors signed the petition, and from that
examination I have determined the following facts regarding this petition:

1. Number of signatures filed by proponent (raw count)	52,062
2. Number of signatures verified	1,562
a. Number of signatures found SUFFICIENT	1,078
b. Number of signatures found NOT SUFFICIENT	484
(1) Not Sufficient because DUPLICATE	0

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 23RD day of July,
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