



# AGENDA REPORT

City Clerk's Office

<b>DATE:</b>	May 7, 2024
<b>TO:</b>	Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council
<b>FROM:</b>	Pamela Christian, City Clerk
<b>Subject:</b>	Certification of Sufficiency of Initiative Petition titled "Richmond Election Reform Act" Charter Amendment ("Initiative")
<b>FINANCIAL IMPACT:</b>	None at this time
<b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:</b>	None
<b>STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:</b>	The Initiative has been determined to contain a sufficient number of valid signatures to be submitted to the voters. Because the Initiative is a Charter Amendment, the Council must place the Initiative on the ballot at the November 5, 2024, General Election, pursuant to California Elections Code section 9255(c)(1).
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	RECEIVE the Certificate of Sufficiency of Initiative Petition indicating that the Initiative petition entitled "Richmond Election Reform Act" has a sufficient number of valid signatures to be submitted to the voters – City Clerk's Office (Pamela Christian 510-620-6513).

## DISCUSSION:

On Wednesday, March 20, 2024, the City Clerk received the Initiative petition from the proponents.

On Wednesday, March 20, 2024, the City Clerk hand delivered the Initiative petition containing approximately 15,095, prima facie, signatures to the Contra Costa County Elections Division in Martinez to examine the petition and verify (using a random sampling technique) the validity of the signatures. The Contra Costa County Elections Division verified that there were 15,139 signatures submitted, 379 out of 500 valid signatures, and zero duplicates. The statistical total for the petition was calculated at 132.80%. The projected statistically valid total is in excess of the 110% required based on the sample, pursuant to Elections Code 9115 and 9237.

A certification of the initiative results was received from Contra Costa County Elections Division Tuesday, April 16, 2024. The City Clerk seeks to certify the results of the examination to the City Council at this meeting by presenting the Certification of Sufficiency of Petition (Elections Code Section 9115(f)).

The City Council must now submit the Initiative to the voters at the November 5, 2024, General Election in accordance with California Elections Code section 9255(c)(1). This item will certify the sufficiency of the initiative petition and staff will come back to City Council at a later date to adopt a resolution calling for the election and placing the initiative measure on the November 5, 2024, general election ballot.

**DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:**

Attachment 1 – County Clerk-Recorder - Clerk’s Certificate to Initiative Petition

Attachment 2 – Petition Results Breakdown

Attachment 3 – City Clerk’s Certification of Sufficiency of Petition