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VIA EMAIL ONLY

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Dear Mr. Lazarus,

On July 23, 2025, the Office of the City Clerk received a draft copy of a proposed initiative ordinance and request for preparation of an Official Petition Title and Summary from proponents Nella McOsker, Stuart Waldman, Bryan Olson, George Gianfrancisco, and Say Song Peter Foo. We forwarded the proposed initiative ordinance and request to the Office of the City Attorney who has prepared and transmitted the Official Petition Title and Summary set forth below. The City Attorney's transmittal is limited solely to that Office's responsibility to prepare the official petition title and summary and does not opine on the legality or substance of the proposed measure.

**REPEAL OF LOS ANGELES CITY BUSINESS GROSS RECEIPTS TAX ON VIRTUALLY ALL BUSINESSES OPERATING IN THE CITY, TO TAKE EFFECT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2028. INITIATIVE ORDINANCE.**

The proposed ordinance would repeal the City of Los Angeles' gross receipts tax on all businesses other than cannabis businesses, effective as of January 1, 2028. Currently, City law imposes a gross receipts tax on businesses in the City at a variable rate ranging from 0.1% to 0.425% of gross receipts derived from business within the City, with higher rates for cannabis businesses. The proposed ordinance would eliminate these taxes on all businesses other than cannabis businesses, resulting in a decrease of the City's annual tax revenues by approximately \$742 million.

This Official Petition Title and Summary is required to appear on the first page of each petition section above the text of the proposed measure, as provided in City Election Code Sections 706

and 707. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding the Official Petition Title and Summary.

The City Election Code requires that you submit a draft copy of your initiative petition, incorporating the above Official Petition Title and Summary, to this office for review and approval prior to circulating the petition.

We are sending this letter to you in your capacity as the authorized representative of the proponents of this initiative ordinance.

For any further questions, please contact us at (213) 978-0444. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'C' followed by a horizontal line that tapers to the right.

Christopher Garcia, Assistant Division Manager  
Los Angeles City Elections and Business Improvement District Division