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June 10, 2026

Honorable Members of the
Los Angeles City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION OF SUFFICIENCY OF AN ORDINANCE INITIATIVE PETITION:
FUNDING FOR THE LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT THROUGH A ONE-
HALF PERCENT SALES TAX**

Honorable Members:

Transmitted herewith are the certified results from the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) of the signature verification of the Initiative Petition regarding Funding for The Los Angeles Fire Department Through a One-Half Percent Sales Tax. The Initiative Petition has been certified as Sufficient.

On May 12, 2026, signed petitions in support of the above-mentioned Initiative were submitted to the Office of the City Clerk (City Clerk). On May 13, 2026, after conducting an initial review of the petition to ensure that it contained more than the minimum number of total unverified signatures, the City Clerk delivered the petition to the RR/CC to conduct the signature verification process¹.

The RR/CC has completed its review of the signatures and have provided us with their results. As provided in City of Los Angeles Election Code Section 711(b), RR/CC utilized the random sampling method authorized to review the petition signatures to determine if the petition contained a sufficient number of valid voter signatures to qualify for presentation to the City Council. A random sampling of at least five percent (5%) or 9,585 signatures were verified to determine the sufficiency or insufficiency of the Initiative Petition. Based on the examination of the signatures compared with the voter registration records maintained by the RR/CC, a total of 7,906 valid signatures were identified. The City's Election Code, Section 711(b) states that when the random sampling method is applied, a petition is considered sufficient "[i]f the statistical sampling shows that the number of valid signatures is more than 110 percent of the number of signatures of qualified voters needed to declare the petition sufficient." For this petition the number of valid signatures in the random sample exceeds the 110 percent threshold required to find the petition sufficient under City Election Code Section 711(b).

¹ The City Clerk does not have the capacity to conduct an examination of initiative petitions within the required time frames and therefore utilizes the RR/CC to examine signatures on initiative petitions, as approved by the City Council. (See Resolution related to 2026 Elections [Council File: 26-1100]).

AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Based on the RR/CC's examination of the signatures compared with the voter registration records which they maintain, the RR/CC has determined that the Initiative Petition contains more than the number of valid voter signatures required to qualify for presentation to the City Council. Thus, the attached certified results have determined that the Initiative Petition is SUFFICIENT and I hereby present the attached Certification of Sufficiency to the City Council.

CITY COUNCIL OPTIONS

Los Angeles City Charter Section 452 generally provides that when presented with a certified Initiative Petition, the City Council must take one of the following actions within 20 days (**by June 30, 2026**) of the transmittal of the attached Certificate of Sufficiency to the City Council: adopt the proposed ordinance directly; submit the proposed ordinance to the voters; or refer the initiative for a fiscal analysis before adopting the ordinance or placing it on the ballot. However, the option of adopting the proposed ordinance directly is not available because the proposed ordinance would impose a new tax which requires voter approval under the State Constitution. Therefore, the Council's options are:

1. Submit the proposed initiative ordinance to the voters at either a Special Election or the next regularly scheduled Election occurring more than 110 days from City Council action on the Initiative Petition (i.e., the City's General Municipal Election held on November 3, 2026); or
2. Refer the proposed initiative ordinance to a department or office for a report on its fiscal and other impacts on the City, provided, however, that the City Council must submit the initiative to the voters within 30 days of referring the ordinance for a report.

ELECTION COSTS

Option 1: Submit the proposed ordinance, without alteration, to the voters at the City's General Municipal Election to be held November 3, 2026.

If the City Council determines to submit the proposed ordinance to the electorate at the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election and funds for ballot measures are already budgeted, there will be zero to minimal additional financial impact relative to election costs since there will be Citywide races included on the ballot. Although Council also has the option to hold a stand-alone Special Election for the initiative on a different date, the cost of a stand-alone Election would be approximately \$31.8 million and therefore we recommend against a stand-alone Election and in favor of submitting the measure to the voters at the already-scheduled November Election.

Option 2: Refer the proposed ordinance to a department or office for a report on its fiscal and other impacts, provided that the Council submits the initiative to the voters within 30 days after referring the proposed ordinance for a report.

If the City Council refers the proposed ordinance for a fiscal analysis, there would be no additional financial impact relative to election costs.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt Option 1 listed above and take the following action:

Submit the proposed initiative ordinance, without alteration, to a vote of the electors of the City at the regularly scheduled General Municipal Election scheduled for November 3, 2026.

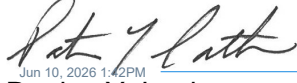
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FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election has been received as part of the City Clerk's 2026-27 budget submission.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed with ClerkSign



Jun 10, 2026 1:42PM



Patrice Y. Lattimore
City Clerk

Attachment

PYL/RV/JP/CG:ih
EXE-033-26

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS
CITY OF LOS ANGELES)

CERTIFICATION OF SUFFICIENCY

**INITIATIVE PETITION RE: FUNDING FOR THE LOS ANGELES FIRE
DEPARTMENT THROUGH A ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES TAX.**

I, PATRICE Y. LATTIMORE, City Clerk of the City of Los Angeles, hereby certify to the Los Angeles City Council: that the signatures submitted with the Initiative Petition referenced above have been examined by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (County Registrar), utilizing the random sampling method provided for in City Election Code Section 711(b); that based on the County Registrar’s examination, the Initiative Petition contains the number of valid signatures of registered voters of the City required under City Charter Section 451(b) and therefore the Initiative Petition is **SUFFICIENT**; and that the attached summary from the County Registrar represents a true, correct, and complete summary of the County Registrar’s examination of the Initiative Petition.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the City of Los Angeles this 10th day of June, 2026.

Signed with ClerkSign

Jun 10, 2026 9:43AM 

**PATRICE Y. LATTIMORE
CITY CLERK**

Petition Statistics

6/5/2026 1:12:58PM

LA CITY FUNDING FOR LA FIRE DEPT
THROUGH A ONE-HALF % SALES TAX

Petition ID:20385

Total Sigs Required	0
Total Sigs Submitted	191,688
Total Sample Size	9,585
Total Sigs Verified	9,585

		TOTAL CHALLENGED
0CADD	OUT OF COUNTY ADDRESS	
	Total	9
ADD	DIFFERENT ADDRESS	
	Total	332
CAN	CANCELED	
	Total	55
FP	FATAL PENDING	
	Total	11
MADD	PO BOX/MAILING ADDRESS	
	Total	2
MAX	MAX NUMBER OF TIMES SIGNED	
	Total	4
MS	MISCELLANEOUS	
	Total	15
MS2	PRINTED SIGNATURE	
	Total	6
MSPET	MISSING SIG ON PETITION	
	Total	16
NADD	NO ADDRESS	
	Total	16
NR	NOT REGISTERED	
	Total	596
OD	OUT OF DISTRICT	
	Total	297
RD	INVALID REGISTRATION DATE	
	Total	42
SIG	MISMATCH SIGNATURE	
	Total	278
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TOTAL		1,679

TOTAL VALID : 7,906



Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

June 9, 2026

**Jinny Pak, Division Manager
City of Los Angeles, Office of the City Clerk, Election and BIDS Division
555 Ramirez Street, Space 300
Los Angeles, California 90012**

Dear Jinny Pak:

We have completed the signature verification submitted on May 13, 2026, for a Funding for the Los Angeles Fire Department Through a One-Half Percent Sales Tax Initiative Ordinance.

The results of the signature verification are as follows:

Number of signatures filed	191,688
Number of signatures verified	9,585
Number of signatures found sufficient	7,906
Number of signatures found not sufficient	1,679

Please call Tiffany Olsen, Head, Data Entry and Signature Verification at (562) 462-2376 if you have any questions regarding the signature verification of this petition.

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**Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
County of Los Angeles**