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REPORT

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: November 18, 2011 REPORT NO.: 11-04

SUBJECT: DOCKETING OF CHARTER AMENDMENT PETITION – Amendments to the San Diego City Charter Affecting Retirement Benefits

On September 30, 2011, representatives on behalf of Catherine Boling, TJ Zane, and Stephen B. Williams filed with my office a Charter Amendment petition pertaining to retirement benefits. The petition was filed within the prescribed time period for filing a Charter Amendment petition.

On Tuesday, November 8, 2011, the Registrar of Voters completed its verification of the petition signatures and provided me with formal certification of the results. The Registrar of Voters found the petitions contain the valid signatures of over 15 percent of the City's registered voters according to the Registrar of Voters' last official report of registration to the Secretary of State. This satisfies the requirement of California Elections Code section 9255(a), which states that a proposal to amend or repeal a City Charter must be signed by 15 percent of the registered voters of the City in order to be submitted to the voters.

Action by the Council for a qualified Charter Amendment petition is set forth in California Elections Code section 9255, which further states that "...city or city and county charter proposals shall be submitted to the voters at either a special election called for that purpose, at any established municipal election date, or at any established election date...provided that there are at least 88 days before the election..."

At this time, the Council is asked to adopt a resolution of its intention to place the matter on the ballot. Now that the Registrar of Voters has certified the sufficiency of the signatures to qualify the measure for submission to the electorate, the Council is required to place the measure before the voters to comply with state law.

In January 2012, the Council will hold another hearing to call the June 5, 2012 primary election, which must be done at least three months before the election to comply with state law. Once that

has been completed, the Council also will need to adopt an ordinance regarding this Charter Amendment which will include the specific ballot question. Technically, it is this ordinance that places the measure on the ballot.

Based on the most recent estimate from the Registrar of Voters, we anticipate that the cost of a 5-page ballot measure placed on the June 5, 2012 ballot will be between $556,000 and $649,000.

If you have questions, please contact me at (619) 533-4080 or my Deputy Director, Bonnie Stone, at 533-4060.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Maland
City Clerk

Attachment (City Clerk's Certificate)

cc: City Attorney
Chief Operating Officer