



OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

REPORT

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR, COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: May 24, 2017

REPORT NO.: 17-03

SUBJECT: SAN DIEGO RIVER PARK, SOCCER CITY AND QUALCOMM STADIUM REDEVELOPMENT SPECIFIC PLAN (“SPECIFIC PLAN”). INITIATIVE

On April 24, 2017, the proponent filed with my office an initiative petition pertaining to “San Diego River Park, Soccer City and Qualcomm Stadium Redevelopment Specific Plan (“Specific Plan”)” initiative. The petition was filed on time and in compliance as required by San Diego Municipal Code §27.1019 and §27.1020.

Upon completion of a prima facie review, the petition was accepted as filed, in accordance with Municipal Code §27.1021, and delivered to the Registrar of Voters for signature verification.


On Monday, May 22, 2017, the Registrar of Voters completed its verification of three percent of the signatures selected at random from the petition in accordance with Municipal Code §27.1022. For direct submission of a measure to the people, Charter section 23 mandates that the petition must be signed by ten percent of the registered voters of the City at the last general City election; in this instance, 71,646 valid signatures are required. Based on the three percent random sample conducted by the Registrar, the projected number of valid signatures on the petition exceeded the basic qualification criterion of 71,646 signatures, and by greater than 110%. Consequently, in accordance with California Elections Code section 9115, no further signature verification is required, and the petition qualifies for submission to the voters of the City.

The Council's possible actions on an initiative petition are set forth in Municipal Code §27.1034 and §27.1035: the City Council "shall within ten business days of the date of presentation adopt or reject the legislative act as presented, but may not amend it." If the City Council rejects the legislative act, they must: (a) adopt a resolution of intention to submit the matter to the voters at a special election; and (b) direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance calling a special election to place the matter on the ballot.

The City's Charter Section 23 was updated by San Diego Voters at the November 7, 2016 General Election to read: "Initiative measures and referendum measures that qualify for the ballot after the people's petition process, and in compliance with provisions of this Charter and the City's Election Code Ordinance, shall be submitted to the electorate at a Municipal Special Election consolidated with the next City-wide Municipal General Election ballot on which the measures legally can be placed, or at a City-wide Municipal Special Election held prior to that general election."

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

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Maland
City Clerk

Attachment (City Clerk's Certificate)

cc: City Attorney
Chief Operating Officer