



**OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
MAY 9, 2022
ITEM 16**

**CERTIFICATION OF SUFFICIENCY OF A
CHARTER AMENDMENT INITIATIVE PETITION
TO IMPOSE RENT CONTROL, CREATE A RENTAL
HOUSING BOARD, AND ESTABLISH JUST CAUSE
EVICTION CRITERIA IN PASADENA**





BACKGROUND

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- On March 28, 2022, the City Clerk's Office received the filing of the initiative petition, containing approximately 20,500 signatures
- On March 29, 2022, following a prima facie review, the petition was forwarded to the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for signature verification
- On April 28, 2022, the County notified the City Clerk's Office that the verification of signatures was complete and issued the letter of findings



BY THE NUMBERS

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Initiative Petition Found To Be Sufficient:

- > 20,564 signatures filed by proponents in support of initiative petition to be verified
- > 15,101 verified signatures by LA County Registrar's Office (registered voters living in City of Pasadena)
- > 90,369 registered voters in the City of Pasadena (as of April 8, 2022)
- > 13,555 valid signatures needed for 15% requirement (EC 9255)
- > Meets the 15% requirement
- > Initiative Petition now deemed sufficient



SUBMIT TO VOTERS

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EC Section 9255(c)(1) states, “The following city ... charter proposals shall be submitted to the voters at an established statewide general, statewide primary, or regularly scheduled municipal election ... occurring not less than 88 days after the date of the order of election:

An amendment or repeal of a city charter proposed by a petition signed by 15 percent of the registered voters of the city.”



REPORT ON IMPACTS

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Impact report – issues to be reviewed:

- (1) Its fiscal impact.
- (2) Its effect on the internal consistency of the city's general and specific plans, including the housing element.
- (3) Its impact on the availability and location of housing, and the ability of the city to meet its regional housing needs.
- (4) Its impact on funding for infrastructure of all types.
- (5) Any other matters the City Council requests to be in the report.

Report Back to City Council on July 11, 2022



RECOMMENDATION

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- (1) Find that the proposed actions are exempt from review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption);
- (2) Receive and accept the certification (Attachment A) of the sufficiency of a Charter Amendment Initiative Petition to Impose Rent Control, Create a Rental Housing Board, and Establish Just Cause Eviction Criteria in Pasadena, as confirmed by the examination and verification of signatures by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk’s Office;
- (3) If agreed, direct City staff to prepare a report on the impacts of the proposed initiative measure for presentation at the July 11, 2022 City Council meeting, or such other date as determined; and
- (4) Pursuant to California Elections Code (EC) Section 9255, direct staff to prepare the necessary resolutions to call an election to submit the Charter Amendment Measure to the voters at the November 8, 2022 General Municipal Election.