TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: TONI J. TABER, CMC  

SUBJECT: CHARTER AMENDMENT PETITION  
DATE: February 13, 2020

INFORMATION

On February 12, the City Clerk’s office received petitions regarding the amendment of Chapter 12.06 of Title 12 with the addition of a new section 12.06.265 to limit campaign contributions by special interests and amending Charter section 402 of Article IV, Section 500 of Article V and Section 1600 of Article XVI of the San José City Charter Relating to the timing of the election of the Mayor titled “Initiative for Fair Elections.”

The petitions were filed at 4:59 p.m. on February 12, 2020. A review of the petition form was found to be sufficient.

Pursuant to the provisions of Elections Code sections 9239 and 9210, the petitions were examined for an unofficial prima facie count. The prima facie review was conducted from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 13. In accordance with the State of California Election code section 9255(c)(1), it has been determined that the County Clerk’s last official report of registration to the Secretary of State in effect at the time of publication of the notice of intent was 460,161 registered voters, and that 15% of said registration would require 69,024 valid signatures to qualify the charter amendment petition for the next regular election (currently scheduled for November 3, 2020. The petition contains 96,079 signatures, prima facie, which is equal to or in excess of the minimum number of signatures needed to qualify for filing.

City Clerk Staff will be delivering the 30 boxes of petitions tomorrow to the Registrar of Voters and will be requesting a random sample signature verification. The verification should be returned within 30 working days, at which time I will return to Council with the certification should at least 69,024 signatures be verified as valid.

TONI J. TABER, CMC  
City Clerk