



TITLE

Measure M Initiative Petition - Certification of Sufficiency

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution accepting the Clerks Certificate of Initiative Petition submitted by the Napa County Registrar of Voters and acknowledging the qualification of the initiative petition entitled "Initiative Measure to Amend American Canyon 2040 General Plan Mobility Element to Add Watson Lane/Marcus Road Circulation Connection Between State Route 29 and Newell Drive" under the California Elections Code.

CONTACT

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BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS

On April 3, an Oakland based developer (McGrath Properties) submitted a Notice of Intent for an initiative measure entitled "Initiative Measure to Amend American Canyon 2040 General Plan Mobility Element to Add Watson Lane/Marcus Road Circulation Connection Between State Route 29 and Newell Drive" to the City Clerk/Elections Official. The Notice included written text of the proposed initiative (Measure "M") and requested preparation of a ballot title and summary pursuant to the EC Section 9203.

On April 15, the official ballot title and summary as prepared by the City Attorney were transmitted to the proponents.

On May 18, an attorney representing the developer submitted signed petitions to the City Clerk's office for filing.

In accordance with EC Section 9210, when the petition was presented for filing the designated City Elections Official completed all of the following:

- a. Ascertained the number of registered voters of the city last reported by the county elections official to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 2187 effective at the time the notice was published. Based on the number of registered voters, 1,445 valid signatures were required for the initiative petition to qualify, and

- b. Determined the total number of signatures affixed to the petition. Following the examination, it was determined that the number of signatures, prima facia, was equal or in excess of the minimum amount required, and the petition was accepted and deemed as filed on May 20, 2026.

The petition was delivered to the Napa County Registrar of Voters for signature verification (EC Section 9211). They determined the petition sections contained 2,294 signatures, then conducted a random sample examination of the submitted signatures (EC Section 9115). Although a sample of 500 signatures was examined, only 396 signatures were determined to be valid. However, the resulting projection of valid signatures (1,817) exceeds the minimum threshold (1,445) required for qualification.

On May 26, 2026, the Napa County Registrar of Voters transmitted to the City Elections Official the Clerk's Certificate to Initiative Petition (Resolution Exhibit A) verifying that a sufficient number of valid signatures had been collected.

The Elections Official is required present the petition for acceptance by City Council at its next regular meeting (EC Section 9215). Adoption of the proposed resolution formally accepts the Clerks Certificate to Initiative Petition submitted by the Napa County Registrar of Voters and acknowledges qualification of the initiative petition under the California Elections Code.

Next Steps

Pursuant to EC Section 9215, Council will consider their Measure M options as part of a separate Business matter on this agenda.

COUNCIL PRIORITY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost for the Napa County Registrar of Voters to validate the signatures on the initiative petition is \$325. Future fiscal impacts associated with the initiative measure, including costs related to elections, legal review, environmental analysis, or implementation, will depend upon future City Council actions and applicable Elections Code requirements.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

15378(b) - The action is not a "Project" subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") because it does not qualify as a "Project" under Public Resources Code Sections 21065 and 21080 and in Section 15378(b) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

COMMUNICATION

Level 3: Broad Communication

The latest information about Measure M can be found on the Election's Central page of the Virtual

City Hall (<https://www.americancanyon.gov/Work/Local-Government/City-Hall/City-Clerk/Elections-Central>).

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution - Accepting the Certification of Measure M
Exhibit A - Clerks Certificate to Initiative Petition