City of Santa Rosa



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Title: REPORT - REFERENDUM PETITION AGAINST ORDINANCE NO. 4072 (Rent Stabilization and

Other Tenant Protections Ordinance)

BACKGROUND: On September 26, 2016, a timely Referendum Petition was filed with the City Clerk challenging portions of Ordinance No. 4072, establishing rent stabilization, eviction control and other residential tenant protections in Santa Rosa. The Petition challenged all provisions of the Ordinance except the provision of the Ordinance that repealed both the 90-day moratorium on rent increases (which took effect on July 7, 2016) and the Just Cause Eviction Ordinance (which took effect on September 16, 2016). Both of those earlier ordinances have now been repealed.

On September 26, 2016, the City Clerk submitted the petition to the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters Office (ROV) for a prima facie review, signature verification, and final count.

On December 21, 2016, the ROV submitted to the City Clerk its determination that the Petition contained a sufficient number of signatures of qualified voters.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the City Clerk that the Council, (1) by motion, accept the City Clerk's Certificate of Sufficiency, based on the determination of the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters, for the referendum petition challenging portions of Ordinance No. 4072; and (2) take one of the following two actions: (a) introduce an ordinance repealing the portions of Ordinance No. 4072 challenged by the Petition, or (b) direct staff to bring back to Council an appropriate resolution to submit the challenged portions of Ordinance No. 4072 to the voters at a Special Election to be held on June 6. 2017.

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