



## INITIATIVE/CHARTER AMENDMENT INFORMATION SHEET

The following information is provided to all Santa Monica residents by the City Clerk's Office of the City of Santa Monica with the intent of clarifying the initiative and charter amendment process and to answer the most frequently asked questions. ***Please note that any person soliciting signatures for an initiative must make this form available to any member of the public.***

(Attached to this information sheet is the Ballot Title and Summary prepared by the Santa Monica City Attorney, for the "Homelessness Prevention, Affordable Housing, and Schools Ballot Measure" currently being circulated in the City of Santa Monica.)

### **What is a City Measure?**

A "measure" is any charter amendment or other proposition or initiative (ordinance) submitted to a popular vote at any election.

### **How does a Measure get on the ballot? Why are the proponents asking me to sign the petition?**

In order to qualify for placement on the ballot of a regular or special future municipal election, proponents of a measure must follow the process outlined in the State Elections Code. Section 9200 provides for the initiative process and Section 9255 provides for the charter amendment process. In addition, Chapter 11 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code provides clarification and local requirements for proposed measures. You may obtain a copy of the full text of these laws from the Santa Monica City Clerk's Office.

In order to qualify a measure for placement on the ballot, proponents must obtain either 10% signatures of the registered voters in the City for an initiative, and 15% for a charter amendment. As of March 11, 2022, there are 69,292 registered voters in the City.

### **What if I don't understand what the petition means or what will happen if it passes?**

Proponents of a measure are required to print the full text of the measure, as well as the City Attorney's impartial Ballot Title and Summary, on the petition above the signature lines. You have the right, and are encouraged, to read it completely and to ask questions before you decide whether or not to sign the petition. It is a misdemeanor to misrepresent or refuse to allow a potential signer to read a petition or proposed measure.

**In addition, you have the right to ask the signature gatherer any of the following questions:**

- Are you a volunteer or a paid signature-gatherer?
- Are you being paid per signature or hourly rate, and if so, how much?
- If compensation is non-monetary, what kind of compensation are you receiving?

**What if I sign the petition, but change my mind later and want to rescind my signature?**

Any voter who has signed any petition, and who subsequently wishes his or her name withdrawn, may do so by filing a written request for the withdrawal of the signature with the City Clerk's Office. This request must be filed prior to the date the petition is filed with the City Clerk.

**What other information can I obtain regarding a proposed measure?**

If you would like a copy of the full text of the measure, or if you have any other questions related to measures or elections, please call the City Clerk's Office at (310) 458-8211.



## INFORMACIÓN SOBRE EL PROCESO DE INICIATIVAS Y ENMIENDAS A LA CARTA CONSTITUCIONAL

Esta información ha sido preparada para todos los residentes de la ciudad por la Secretaria Municipal de la Ciudad de Santa Mónica, para aclarar el proceso de iniciativas y enmiendas a la carta constitucional. **Cualquier persona que solicite firmas para una petición de iniciativa o enmienda a la carta constitucional está obligada a hacer disponible esta hoja a cualquier miembro del público.**

(Adjunto a esta hoja informativa se encuentra el título de la medida y el análisis imparcial de la Fiscal Municipal para los "Prevención de la falta de vivienda, vivienda asequible y medida de boleta de las escuelas" que está siendo divulgada en la ciudad de Santa Mónica.)

### ¿Qué es una "medida" municipal?

Una "medida" municipal es una enmienda a la carta constitucional de la ciudad, una iniciativa (ordenanza) o una propuesta que se les presenta a los votantes de la ciudad en cualquier elección.

### ¿Cómo se pone una medida en la balota? ¿Por qué están pidiendo mi firma?

Para poner una medida en la balota, los proponentes tienen que seguir los requisitos del Código Estatal de Elecciones. La Sección 9200 contiene los requisitos para una iniciativa, y la Sección 9255 los de enmiendas a la carta constitucional. Además, el Capítulo 11 del Código Municipal de Santa Mónica aclara el proceso y contiene otros requisitos locales para medidas. Usted puede obtener copias de estas leyes, de forma completa, en la oficina de la Secretaria Municipal.

Para que una iniciativa sea puesta en la balota, los proponentes tienen que obtener un 10% de firmas del número total de votantes registrados en la ciudad, y obtener un 15% para una enmienda a la carta constitucional. Efectivo el 11 de marzo de 2022, hay un total de 69,292 votantes registrados en la ciudad.

### ¿Qué sucede si no entiendo lo que significa la medida, o qué pasará si es aprobada por los votantes?

Es requerido que los proponentes impriman el texto completo de la medida y del análisis imparcial de la Fiscal Municipal en la parte superior de la petición que le presentan para que usted firme. Usted tiene el derecho, y se le recomienda que lea el contenido completo y que haga preguntas antes que decida si va a firmar o no. Es un delito menor el no dejar que alguien lea, o de falsificar el contenido de la medida.

**Usted también tiene el derecho de hacer las siguientes preguntas:**

- ¿Es usted un voluntario o le pagan por las firmas que consigue?
- ¿Le pagan por cada firma, o por hora? Si así fuere, ¿cuánto le pagan?
- Si le pagan de otra manera y no con dinero, ¿qué clase de pago es?

**¿Qué pasa si firmo la petición y después cambio de opinión y quiero anular mi firma?**

Cualquier persona que haya firmado una petición y después la quiera anular, lo puede hacer por medio de una carta por escrito presentada en la oficina de la Secretaria Municipal. La carta se debe presentar antes que la petición sea entregada a la Secretaria Municipal.

**¿Hay más información disponible sobre este tema?**

Si quiere obtener una copia del texto completo de la medida, o si tiene cualquier otra pregunta relacionada con medidas municipales o elecciones, favor de llamar a la oficina de la Secretaria Municipal al número (310) 458-8211.

BALLOT TITLE AND SUMMARY  
PREPARED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY

AN INITIATIVE MEASURE TO ESTABLISH ADDED FUNDING FOR HOMELESSNESS  
PREVENTION, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND SCHOOLS BY AMENDING SANTA  
MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 6.96 TO PROVIDE A THIRD TIER TRANSFER  
TAX RATE FOR PROPERTY TRANSFERS OF \$8,000,000 OR MORE WITH AN ELEVEN-  
MEMBER RESIDENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 6.96 sets the City's real estate transfer tax. Currently, there are two tax rates. The First Tier Tax Rate (\$3.00 per \$1000 of value transferred) applies to transfers under \$5,000,000. The Second Tier Tax Rate (\$6.00 per \$1000 of value transferred) applies to transfers of \$5,000,000 or more. This measure would amend Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 6.96 to establish a new Third Tier Tax Rate for transfers of \$8,000,000 or more. The proposed Third Tier Tax Rate would be \$56.00 per \$1000 of value transferred.

This measure would add Chapter 4.90 to the Santa Monica Municipal Code to establish: (1) a Homelessness Prevention and Affordable Housing Fund; and (2) a new School Fund. These funds would be funded by the Third Tier Tax Rate. Out of the Third Tier Tax rate of 5.6%, 5% would be allocated to the School Fund and the Homelessness Prevention and Affordable Housing Fund ("Allocated Funds") and the remaining .6% would go to the General Fund.

The measure contains a specific annual distribution of the Allocated Funds. The first \$10,000,000 of Allocated Funds must be deposited into the School Fund. The next \$40,000,000 of Allocated Funds collected each year must be deposited into the Homelessness Prevention and Affordable Housing Fund. Any Allocated Funds collected above \$50,000,000 each year would be deposited 20% into the School Fund and 80% into the Homelessness Prevention and Affordable Housing Fund.

The measure would require the City to provide the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District the Allocated Funds in the School Fund each year. In the event of a unification of Malibu schools, the school district serving residents of Santa Monica would be entitled to receive the School Funds. Any school district that is located outside of Santa Monica would not be entitled to any of the School Funds.

The measure allows the Homelessness Prevention and Affordable Housing Fund to be used to provide ongoing or emergency income assistance, acquire and rehabilitate existing rental properties as deed-restricted affordable housing, create new deed-restricted housing, and fund programs and services designed to preserve and improve affordable housing for lower income households.

The measure would establish an eleven-member Resident Oversight Committee to provide recommendations to the City Council regarding guidelines for eligible expenditures, local priorities and preferences, award procedures, budgeting, program evaluation, and public reporting procedures. The City's auditors will audit the Homelessness Prevention and

Affordable Housing Fund annually and publicly provide the results to the Resident Oversight Committee and the Audit Subcommittee.

The School Fund and the Homelessness Prevention and Affordable Housing Fund are intended to provide additional support and not replace any existing funding under current agreements or prior advisory measures.