

County Initiative Measure Process & Timelines

Decision Points for the Board of Supervisors

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Governing Law – Elections Code §§ 9100, *et seq.* Steps:

- Notice of Intention to Circulate Petition with Written Text of Initiative filed with County Elections Official
- Preparation of County Counsel Ballot Title & Summary
- Publication of Notice of Intention & County Counsel Ballot Title & Summary
- Circulation of Petition to Registered Voters in the County – Up to 180 days from receipt of Ballot Title & Summary
- Submission of Petition with Signatures to Elections Official – 30 business days to review and validate signatures
- Certification of Sufficiency – at least 2,060 valid signatures required
- Presentation to Board of Supervisors to adopt or submit to voters



Board of Supervisors Actions At Next Regular Board Meeting When Sufficient Petition Certified is Submitted:

- Adopt the measure as submitted without alteration at the meeting at which the certified petition is submitted, or within 10 days thereafter
- Order Election - Submit the measure at the next statewide election more than 88 days later
- Order an Elections Code § 9111 impact report to be presented within 30 days of certification of sufficiency, then either:
 - Adopt the measure as submitted within 10 days, or
 - Order an election



Timing of Election – Elections Code § 1405

- Board of Supervisors must call for the election at least 88 days before the next statewide election
 - For June 7 Primary: March 11, 2022
 - For November 8 General Election: August 12, 2022
- Option to call special election for a date at least 88 days and no more than 103 days later – with full cost of the special election paid by County



Elections Code § 9111 Impact Report

- May be ordered at any time during circulation of petition
- Contents to include:
 - Fiscal impacts
 - Effect on internal consistency with general and specific plans, housing element and zoning
 - Effect on use of land and ability to meet regional housing needs
 - Impact on infrastructure funding including transportation, schools, parks and open space
 - Impact on ability to attract & retain business and employment
 - Any other matters requested by the Board of Supervisors



Elections Code § 9111 Impact Report

- Purpose: inform the Board of Supervisors and the voting public of potential consequences if measure is adopted
- An Elections Code § 9111 Impact Report was prepared for prior version of Commercial Node Deletion and Voter Approval Initiative in 2020, but not presented because petition was never submitted
- Cost: \$90,637.25
- Report could be updated and revised to address current modified initiative at lower cost
- Staff Recommends that Board of Supervisors authorize CAO to contract for new Elections Code § 9111 Report with qualified consulting firm selected by the CAO

