

**CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION**

TO: Michael Gates, City Attorney

FROM: Robin Estanislau, City Clerk *RE*

DATE: May 15, 2024

SUBJECT: CITY CLERK'S TRANSMITTAL OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CIRCULATE PETITION AND REQUEST FOR BALLOT TITLE AND SUMMARY FOR A PROPOSED MEASURE TO ADD SECTION 2.30.100 PUBLIC OPERATION OF LIBRARY SERVICES. TO TITLE 2 OF THE HUNTINGTON BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE

Pursuant to California Elections Code §9105, please return a ballot title and summary of the attached proposed measure within fifteen (15) days (by Thursday, May 30, 2024), for the City Clerk's Office to provide to the proponents, Kathryn Goddard, Jacqueline Brodt and Paula A. Schafer.

Attachments:

1. Notice of Intention to Circulate Petition (signed by proponents Goddard, Brodt and Schafer)
2. Proposed Ballot Initiative (Uncodified Text of Proposed Ballot Initiative (HBMC Section 2.30.100 Public Operation of Library Services)
3. Request That Ballot Title And Summary Be Prepared (signed by proponents Goddard, Brodt and Schafer)
4. Proponent Statement of Acknowledgment (duplicates signed by proponents Goddard, Brodt and Schafer)

c: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
Eric Parra, Interim City Manager
Executive Team

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CIRCULATE PETITION

PROPOSED BALLOT INITIATIVE

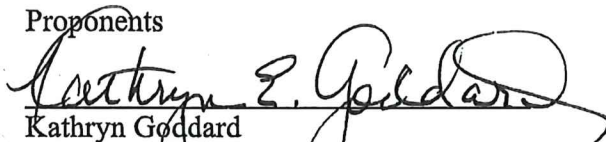
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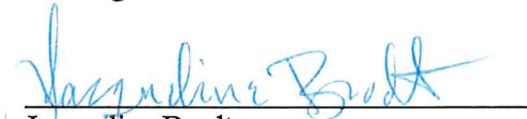
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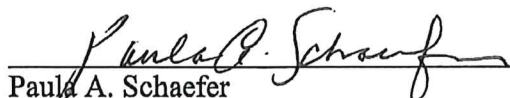
Notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate the petition within the City of Huntington Beach for the purpose of qualifying for the ballot an initiative measure to preserve the Huntington Beach Public Library. A statement of the reasons of the proposed action as contemplated in the petition is as follows:

The Huntington Beach Public Library has been providing library and cultural services to the City of Huntington Beach since 1909. Now, some politicians seek to privatize/outsource the management of the library including our librarians. Some of our beloved librarians have already quit due to this threat of lower pay and loss of benefits. Outsourcing threatens the institution of the Huntington Beach Public Library system to its core. Privatization and/or outsourcing is likely to lead to a reduction in services, cutting of staff and programs, and would cause private organizations that support the library (like the Friends of the Huntington Beach Public Library) to reduce or eliminate their programs that support the library. Libraries are public services for the public good and should not be turned over to private corporations seeking to turn a profit.

Proponents


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Text of the Proposed Ballot Initiative


Section 2.30.100 Title 2 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code is adopted to read as follows:

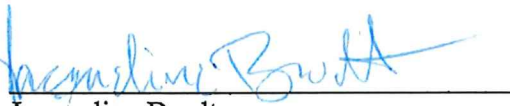
2.30.100 Public Operation of Library Services

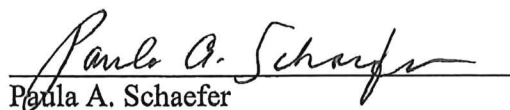
No public library owned or operated by the City as of March 19, 2024, or hereafter owned or operated by the City, shall be sold, leased, exchanged or otherwise transferred or disposed of, nor shall any service provided by the Huntington Beach Public Library as of March 19, 2024, be operated or managed by a private contractor that employs library staff to achieve cost savings and/or any proposal that would change the wholesale management of any Huntington Beach library unless: (1) such service was outsourced to a private organization or operated pursuant to a managed services agreement with a private entity during any period from January 1, 2018 through March 19, 2024; (2) the City declares a fiscal emergency pursuant to Article XIIC, Section 2(b) of the California Constitution; or (3) it is authorized by the affirmative votes of at least a majority of the total membership of the City Council and by the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the electors voting on such proposition at a general or special election at which such proposition is submitted.

Any contract to change the wholesale management or outsource library management and operations services to a private contractor entered into between March 19, 2024 and the adoption of this Section 2.30.100, shall be considered void or shall be immediately canceled to the extent permitted by law.

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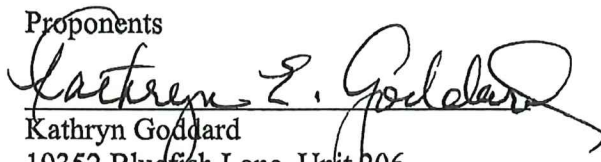
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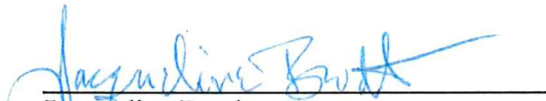
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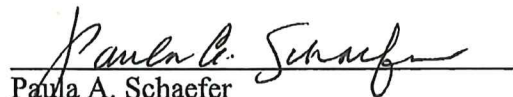
TO ROBIN ESTANISLAU, HUNTINGTON BEACH CITY CLERK

The undersigned Proponents of a proposed ballot initiative to preserve the Huntington Beach Public Library, a copy of which has been filed with the City Clerk, and which is attached hereto, hereby request that a ballot title and summary of the measure be prepared in accordance with Section 9203 of the Elections Code.

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PROPONENT STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
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I, KATHRYN E. GODDARD acknowledge that it is a misdemeanor under State Law (Section 18650 of the California Elections Code) to knowingly or willfully allow the signatures on an initiative petition to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the proposed measure for the ballot. I certify that I will not knowingly or willfully allow the signatures for this initiative to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the measure for the ballot.

Kathryn E. Goddard
(PROPONENT)

Dated this 15 day of May, 2024

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I, Jacqueline Brodt acknowledge that it is a misdemeanor under State Law (Section 18650 of the California Elections Code) to knowingly or willfully allow the signatures on an initiative petition to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the proposed measure for the ballot. I certify that I will not knowingly or willfully allow the signatures for this initiative to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the measure for the ballot.

Jacqueline Brodt
(PROPONENT)
Dated this 15 day of May, 2024

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I, Paula A. Schaefer acknowledge that it is a misdemeanor under State Law (Section 18650 of the California Elections Code) to knowingly or willfully allow the signatures on an initiative petition to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the proposed measure for the ballot. I certify that I will not knowingly or willfully allow the signatures for this initiative to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the measure for the ballot.

Paula A. Schaefer
(PROPONENT)
Dated this 15th day of May, 2024