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Petition Filed for Commercial Cannabis Initiative

The Yucca Valley Town Clerk received a completed petition regarding the "*Town of Yucca Valley Exemption of State Licensed Commercial Cannabis Operations from Town Prohibition on Commercial Marijuana Activities*" from the proponents of the voter initiative. Proponents submitted a Notice of Intent to Circulate the petition on August 9, 2017 and received approval to circulate the petition among local voters.

On Monday, September 25, 2017 initiative proponents delivered 2,499 signatures to the Town Clerk's office for verification. The Clerk reviewed the petition sections for completeness, counted the signatures gathered, and delivered the petition to the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters Office for full signature verification.

Initiative proponents will need at least 15% (1,608) valid voter signatures to trigger a special election in the Town of Yucca Valley. Anything below but above the 10% mark (1,072) will be considered at the November 2018 general election. The Registrar of Voters will have 30 business days to conduct the verification. The Yucca Valley Town Council will review the results of the signature verification once completed and will evaluate their options at that time.

For any questions on the initiative process, please contact Lesley Copeland, Town Clerk at townclerk@yucca-valley.org or at (760) 369-7209 x226

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