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### Two Proposed Initiatives Enter Circulation

**SACRAMENTO** – Secretary of State Debra Bowen today announced that the proponents of two new initiatives may begin collecting petition signatures for their measures.

The Attorney General prepares the legal title and summary that is required to appear on initiative petitions. When the official language is complete, the Attorney General forwards it to the proponents and to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State then provides calendar deadlines to the proponents and to county elections officials, and the initiative may be circulated for signatures. The Attorney General's official title and summary for the first measure is as follows:

**PROHIBITS THE STATE FROM TAKING FUNDS USED FOR TRANSPORTATION OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROJECTS AND SERVICES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.** Prohibits the State from shifting, taking, borrowing, or restricting the use of tax revenues dedicated by law to fund local government services, community redevelopment projects, or transportation projects and services. Prohibits the State from delaying the distribution of tax revenues for these purposes even when the Governor deems it necessary due to a severe state fiscal hardship. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Significant constraints on state authority over city, county, special district, and redevelopment agency funds. As a result, higher and more stable local resources, potentially affecting billions of dollars in some years. Commensurate reductions in state resources, resulting in major decreases in state spending and/or increases in state revenues. (09-0063.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1414 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 09-0063.

The Attorney General's official title and summary for the second measure is as follows:

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The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1415 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 09-0064.

The proponents for these measures, Joshua Shaw, Christopher K. McKenzie, and James N. Earp must collect signatures of 694,354 registered voters – the number equal to 8% of the total votes cast for governor in the 2006 gubernatorial election – for each measure in order to qualify it for the ballot. The proponents have 150 days to circulate petitions for these measures, meaning the signatures must be collected by May 17, 2010.

The initiative proponents can be reached at 1415 L Street, Suite 1200, Sacramento, California 95814. No phone number was provided.

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