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## **Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation** ***Decriminalizes Psilocybin Mushrooms. Initiative Statute.***

**SACRAMENTO, CA** – Secretary of State Alex Padilla announced that the proponent of a new initiative was cleared to begin collecting petition signatures today.

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 proponent and to the Secretary of State, and the initiative may be circulated for signatures. The Secretary of State then provides calendar deadlines to the proponent and to county elections officials. The Attorney General's official title and summary for the measure is as follows:

### **DECRIMINALIZES PSILOCYBIN MUSHROOMS. INITIATIVE STATUTE.**

Decriminalizes under state law the personal possession, storage, use, cultivation, manufacturing, giving away or furnishing for personal use, or consumption of psilocybin mushrooms and the hallucinogenic chemical compounds contained in them (including psilocybin and psilocin). Applies to individuals at least 18 years of age, and individuals under 18 years of age with parental or guardian consent. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: **Reduced costs, not likely to exceed a few million dollars annually, to state and local governments related to enforcing psilocybinrelated offenses; handling the related criminal cases in the court system; and incarcerating and supervising certain psilocybin offenders. Potential increase in state and local tax revenues, not likely to exceed a couple million dollars annually, related to the production and sale of psilocybin.** (19-0016.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1876 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 19-0016.

The proponent of the measure, Ryan Munevar, must collect signatures of 623,212 registered voters (five percent of the total votes cast for Governor in the November 2018 general election) in order to qualify it for the ballot. The proponent has 180 days to circulate petitions for the measure, meaning the signatures must be submitted to county elections officials no later than May 26, 2020. The proponent can be reached at (949) 702-1637 and [ryan@decrimca.org](mailto:ryan@decrimca.org). The address for the proponent is 1850 Whitley Ave, #612, Los Angeles, CA 90028.

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