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Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation

Local Land Use Hearings. Right to Testify. Initiative Statute.

SACRAMENTO, CA - Secretary of State Bruce McPherson announced today that the proponent of a new initiative may begin collecting petition signatures for her measure.

The Attorney General's official title and summary is as follows:

LOCAL LAND USE HEARINGS. RIGHT TO TESTIFY. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

Provides that, upon written request, a property owner shall have the right to testify about a proposed land use action at county board of supervisors public hearing or city council hearing. The public hearing must be held before a final decision on the land use matter, and no later than 180 days after receipt of the property owner's request. Notice of time and date of public hearing shall be mailed to property owner at least 20 days before the hearing.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Unknown, but probably not significant, increased costs to cities and counties. (SA2006RF0025)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1221 and the Attorney General's tracking number is SA2006RF0025.

The proponent for this measure, Nitza Derfner, must collect 373,816 signatures of registered voters, equal to five percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 gubernatorial election, in order to qualify. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions for this measure is September 18, 2006. The initiative proponent can be reached at 408-836-2188.

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