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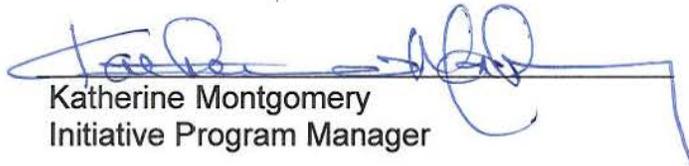
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April 29, 2011

County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #11029

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters and Proponent

FROM:

  
Katherine Montgomery  
Initiative Program Manager

RE: Initiative: 1480, Related to the Federal Constitution

Pursuant to Elections Code section 336, we transmit herewith a copy of the Title and Summary prepared by the Attorney General on a proposed initiative measure entitled:

**FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.  
INITIATIVE STATUTE.**

The proponent of the above-named measure is:

Christopher A. Brown  
P.O. Box 61925  
Santa Barbara, CA 93160

#1480

FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.  
INITIATIVE STATUTE.

CIRCULATING AND FILING SCHEDULE

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1. Minimum number of signatures required: ..... 504,760  
California Constitution, Article II, Section 8(b)
2. Official Summary Date: ..... Friday, 04/29/11
3. Petitions Sections:
  - a. First day Proponent can circulate Sections for  
signatures (Elec. Code § 336)..... Friday, 04/29/11
  - b. Last day Proponent can circulate and file with the county.  
All sections are to be filed at the same time within each  
county. (Elec. Codes §§ 336, 9030(a))..... Monday, 09/26/11
  - c. Last day for county to determine total number of  
signatures affixed to petitions and to transmit total  
to the Secretary of State (Elec. Code § 9030(b))..... Thursday, 10/06/11  

(If the Proponent files the petition with the county on a date prior to  
09/26/11, the county has eight working days from the filing of the petition  
to determine the total number of signatures affixed to the petition and to  
transmit the total to the Secretary of State) (Elec. Code § 9030(b)).
  - d. Secretary of State determines whether the total number  
of signatures filed with all county clerks/registrars of  
voters meets the minimum number of required signatures  
and notifies the counties..... Saturday, 10/15/11\*
  - e. Last day for county to determine total number of qualified  
voters who signed the petition, and to transmit certificate  
with a blank copy of the petition to the Secretary of State  
(Elec. Code § 9030(d)(e))..... Wednesday, 11/30/11

\* Date varies based on the date of county receipt.

**INITIATIVE #1480**  
**Circulating and Filing Schedule continued:**

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(If the Secretary of State notifies the county to determine the number of qualified voters who signed the petition on a date other than 10/15/11, the last day is no later than the thirtieth working day after the county's receipt of notification). (Elec. Code § 9030(d)(e)).

- f. If the signature count is more than 555,236 or less than 479,522 then the Secretary of State certifies the petition as qualified or failed, and notifies the counties. If the signature count is between 479,522 and 555,236 inclusive, then the Secretary of State notifies the counties using the random sampling technique to determine the validity of all signatures (EC §9030(f)(g); 9031(a)) ..... Saturday, 12/10/11\*
  
- g. Last day for county to determine actual number of all qualified voters who signed the petition, and to transmit certificate with a blank copy of the petition to the Secretary of State. (Elec. Code § 9031(b)(c))..... Monday, 01/23/12

(If the Secretary of State notifies the county to determine the number of qualified voters who have signed the petition on a date other than 12/10/11, the last day is no later than the thirtieth working day after the county's receipt of notification.) (Elec. Code § 9031(b)(c).)

- h. Secretary of State certifies whether the petition has been signed by the number of qualified voters required to declare the petition sufficient (Elec. Code §§ 9031(d), 9033) ..... Friday, 01/27/12\*

\*Date varies based on the date of county receipt.

## IMPORTANT POINTS

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- California law prohibits the use of signatures, names and addresses gathered on initiative petitions for any purpose other than to qualify the initiative measure for the ballot. This means that the petitions cannot be used to create or add to mailing lists or similar lists for any purpose, including fundraising or requests for support. Any such misuses constitutes a crime under California law. Elections Code section 18650; *Bilofsky v. Deukmejian* (1981) 124 Cal.App.3d 825, 177 Cal.Rptr. 621; 63 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 37 (1980).
- Please refer to Elections Code sections 100, 101, 104, 9001, 9008, 9009, 9021, and 9022 for appropriate format and type consideration in printing, typing and otherwise preparing your initiative petition for circulation and signatures. Please send a copy of the petition after you have it printed. This copy is not for our review or approval, but to supplement our file.
- Your attention is directed to the campaign disclosure requirements of the **Political Reform Act of 1974**, Government Code section 81000 et seq.
- When writing or calling state or county elections officials, provide the official title of the initiative which was prepared by the Attorney General. Use of this title will assist elections officials in referencing the proper file.
- When a petition is presented to the county elections official for filing by someone other than the proponent, the required authorization shall include the name or names of the persons filing the petition.
- When filing the petition with the county elections official, please provide a blank petition for elections official use.

**KAMALA D. HARRIS**  
Attorney General

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**



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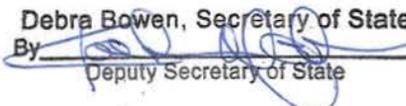
April 29, 2011

Honorable Debra Bowen  
Secretary of State  
Office of the Secretary of State  
1500 11th Street, 6th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Ms. Katherine Montgomery  
Elections Analyst

**FILED**  
In the office of the Secretary of State  
of the State of California

APR 29 2011

Debra Bowen, Secretary of State  
By   
Deputy Secretary of State

Dear Secretary Bowen:

Pursuant to Elections Code section 9004, you are hereby notified that on this day we sent our title and summary for the following proposed initiative to the proponent:

- 11-0003, "Article V Convention Initiative"

A copy of that title and summary and text of the proposed initiative is enclosed. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Krystal M. Paris in blue ink.

KRYSTAL M. PARIS  
Initiative Coordinator

For KAMALA D. HARRIS  
Attorney General

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Encl.

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

**FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. INITIATIVE STATUTE.** Finds California environmental and other public benefit laws have been effectively nullified by the federal government. Directs the California Legislature to request that Congress call a federal constitutional convention to propose amendments to the United States Constitution. Requires California's delegate to the convention to be determined by general election after televised public debate. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: **No direct fiscal impact, as any effect would depend on decisions of other states, members of the constitutional convention, and future federal and state elected officials.** (11-0003.)

TO:  
ATTN: KRYSTAL PARIS  
Initiative Coordinator  
Office of the Attorney General  
1300 I Street, 17th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM:  
Christopher A. Brown  
PO BOX 61925  
Santa Barbara, CA 93160

March 7, 2011

11-0003  
**RECEIVED**  
MAR 10 2011  
INITIATIVE COORDINATOR  
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Re: Request for Title and Summary for Proposed Initiative  
"Article V Convention Initiative"

Dear Ms. Paris:

Pursuant to Article II, Section 1 O(d) of the California Constitution, I am submitting the attached proposed statewide ballot measure ("Article V Convention Initiative [v-I]") to your office and request that you prepare a title and summary of the measure as provided by law. I have also included with this letter the required signed statement pursuant to California Elections Code section 9608, and a check in the amount of \$200.

My address as registered to vote is shown on Attachment 'A' to this letter. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at PO BOX 61925, Santa Barbara, CA 93160 or

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Christopher A. Brown

## TEXT OF PROPOSED BALLOT INITIATIVE

Initiative Measure to be Submitted to Voters

### Article V Convention Initiative

#### SECTION 1. STATEMENT OF FINDINGS

A. Properly enacted California environmental laws and other California laws greatly benefitting the public have been effectively nullified by the federal government in conditions questionable as to conformance to the Constitution of the United States, and which has drastically effected the environment and economy to the detriment of the public.

B. The convening of state delegates, under Article V, valid to all intents and purposes of the Constitution of the United States, upon 2/3 of the state legislators casting applications for a convention, the Congress is thereby mandated to issue the call. The constitutional process of electing delegates and convening in a federal assembly is right of any and all sovereign U.S. Citizens. Over the decades 2/3 of the states legislatures have repeatedly cast applications for a federal convention and Congress has since failed to carry out its constitutional obligation to issue the call.

C. California citizens are presented with the opportunity to formally direct their legislature, as a state of the union, to begin enforcement of the Constitution of the United States by promulgation to other states and the United States Congress, to convoke the Article V Convention on the authority of the Constitution. This would cost Californians perhaps several million dollars but ultimately save billions of dollars and prevent unnecessary miseries to both the public and environment over the course of a decade and likely longer.

D. California citizens and businesses need interaction with a fully constitutional federal government for economic recovery and creation of jobs in transitioning to greater sustainability. To insure an effort addressing state specific impacts, the California delegate is to be determined by general election after public debate hosted on all state regional government access television channels.

E. Californians cannot afford to continue to integrate with a federal government that is not Constitutional.

#### SECTION 2. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

A. The people desire to direct their state legislature to act with as many other state legislatures which have made the call for the Article V Convention for the benefit of their citizens, and with the Citizens of California, promulgate, petition, and call upon the United States Congress to formally issue the call for the Article V Convention.