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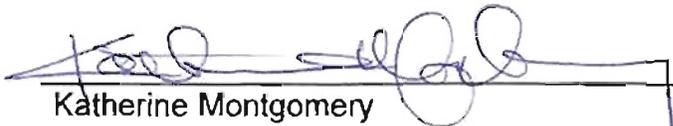
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December 16, 2011

County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #11142

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters and Proponent

FROM:

  
Katherine Montgomery  
Initiative Program Manager

RE: Initiative: 1529, Related to Marriage

Pursuant to Elections Code section 9004 (c), we transmit herewith a copy of the Title and Summary prepared by the Attorney General on a proposed initiative measure entitled:

**REINSTATES RIGHT OF  
SAME-SEX COUPLES TO MARRY.  
INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.**

The proponent of the above-named measure is:

Thomas Watson  
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Studio City, CA 91604

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#1529

**REINSTATES RIGHT OF  
SAME-SEX COUPLES TO MARRY.  
INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.**

**CIRCULATING AND FILING SCHEDULE**

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1. Minimum number of signatures required: ..... 807,615  
California Constitution, Article II, Section 8(b)
  
2. Official Summary Date: ..... Thursday, 12/15/11
  
3. Petitions Sections:
  - a. First day Proponent can circulate Sections for  
signatures (Elections Code § 336) ..... Thursday, 12/15/11
  
  - b. Last day Proponent can circulate and file with the county.  
All sections are to be filed at the same time within each  
county. (Elections Codes §§ 9014, 9030(a)) ..... Monday, 05/14/12\*
  
  - c. Last day for county to determine total number of  
signatures affixed to petitions and to transmit total  
to the Secretary of State (Elections Code § 9030(b)) ..... Thursday, 05/24/12  
  
(If the Proponent files the petition with the county on a date prior to  
05/14/12, 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) (Elections 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, 06/02/12\*\*
  
  - 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  
(Elections Code §§ 9030(d)(e)) ..... Monday, 07/16/12

\* Date adjusted for official deadline, which falls on a weekend/holiday (Elec. Code § 15).

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

**INITIATIVE #1529**

**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 06/02/12, the last day is no later than the thirtieth working day after the county's receipt of notification). (Elections Code §§ 9030(d)(e).)

- f. If the signature count is more than 888,377 or less than 767,235 then the Secretary of State certifies the petition as qualified or failed, and notifies the counties. If the signature count is between 767,235 and 888,377 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)) ..... Thursday, 07/26/12\*
  
- 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. (Elections Code §§ 9031(b)(c)). ..... Friday, 09/07/12

(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 07/26/12, the last day is no later than the thirtieth working day after the county's receipt of notification.) (Elections 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 (Elections Code §§ 9031(d), 9033) ... Tuesday, 09/11/12\*

\*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 § 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 §§ 100, 101, 104, 9008, 9009, 9013, 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

State of California  
**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**



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December 15, 2011

The Honorable Debra Bowen  
Secretary of State  
Office of the Secretary of State  
1500 11th Street, 5th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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of the State of California

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Debra Bowen, Secretary of State  
By   
Deputy Secretary of State

Attention: Ms. Katherine Montgomery  
Elections Analyst

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:

- 11-0058 (Civil Marriage)

A copy of that title and summary and text of the proposed initiative is enclosed. Please contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

DAWN L. MCFARLAND  
Acting Initiative Coordinator

For KAMALA D. HARRIS  
Attorney General

DLM:

cc: Thomas B. Watson, Proponent

December 15, 2011

Initiative 11-0058

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

**REINSTATES RIGHT OF SAME-SEX COUPLES TO MARRY. INITIATIVE**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.** Repeals the current provision in California's

Constitution that states only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in

California. Provides that marriage is between only two persons and shall not be restricted on the

basis of race, color, national origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, or religion. Clarifies that the

initiative shall not be interpreted to require any priest, minister, pastor, rabbi, or other person to

perform a marriage in violation of his or her religious beliefs. Summary of estimate by

Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government:

**Over the long run, this measure would likely have little fiscal impact on state and local**

**governments. (11-0058)**

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INITIATIVE COORDINATOR  
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

October 12, 2011

**VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY**

Honorable Kamala Harris  
Attorney General  
State of California  
1300 "T" Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
ATTN: Dawn McFarland, Initiative Coordinator

Re: Request for Title and Summary - Initiative Constitutional  
Amendment

Dear Attorney General Harris:

Pursuant to Article II, Section 10(d) of the California Constitution and Section 9002 of the Elections Code, we are submitting the attached proposed statewide ballot initiative measure to your office. We request that you prepare a title and summary of the measure as provided by law.

We have also included with this letter the following documents:

- (1) The required statement under California Elections Code section 9608, signed the proponent;
- (2) A separate page containing the address at which the proponent is registered to vote; and
- (3) A check in the amount of \$200.

Dawn McFarland, Initiative Coordinator  
October 12, 2011  
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Should you require any further information, please contact Thomas Watson at Love Honor Cherish, 3940 Laurel Canyon Blvd., #946, Studio City, CA 91604, or at [thomasbwatson@gmail.com](mailto:thomasbwatson@gmail.com).

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas B. Watson

This amendment would amend an existing section of the California Constitution. Existing language proposed to be deleted is printed in ~~strikeout type~~. Language proposed to be added is printed in underlined type.

Section 1. To protect religious freedom, no court shall interpret this measure to require any priest, minister, pastor, rabbi, or other person authorized to perform marriages by any religious denomination, church, or other non-profit religious institution to perform any marriage in violation of his or her religious beliefs. The refusal to perform a marriage under this provision shall not be the basis for lawsuit or liability, and shall not affect the tax-exempt status of any religious denomination, church or other religious institution.

Section 2. To provide for fairness in the government's issuance of marriage licenses, Section 7.5 of Article I of the California Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 7.5. ~~Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California.~~ Marriage is between only two persons and shall not be restricted on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, or religion.