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January 13, 2012

County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #12022

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters and Proponent

FROM:


Rhonda L. Pascual
Program Manager

RE: Initiative: 1551, Related to Education

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:

**EDUCATION. PERMITS PARENTS TO
EXCUSE CHILDREN FROM INSTRUCTION IN
SOCIAL SCIENCES AND FAMILY LIFE. INITIATIVE STATUTE.**

The proponent of the above-named measure is:

Richard Rios
3407 Arden Way
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#1551

**EDUCATION. PERMITS PARENTS TO
EXCUSE CHILDREN FROM INSTRUCTION IN
SOCIAL SCIENCES AND FAMILY LIFE. INITIATIVE STATUTE.**

CIRCULATING AND FILING SCHEDULE

1. Minimum number of signatures required: 504,760
California Constitution, Article II, Section 8(b)
2. Official Summary Date: Friday, 01/13/12
3. Petitions Sections:
 - a. First day Proponent can circulate Sections for
signatures (Elections Code § 336) Friday, 01/13/12
 - 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, 06/11/12
 - 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, 06/21/12

(If the Proponent files the petition with the county on a date prior to
06/11/12, 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, 06/30/12*
 - 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, 08/13/12

* Date varies based on the date of county receipt.

INITIATIVE #1551

Circulating and Filing Schedule continued:

(If the Secretary of State notifies the county to determine the number of qualified voters who signed the petition on a date other than 06/30/12, 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 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)) Thursday, 08/23/12*

- 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)). Tuesday, 10/09/12

(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 08/23/12, 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)... Saturday, 10/13/12*

*Date varies based on the date of county receipt.

IMPORTANT POINTS

- 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.



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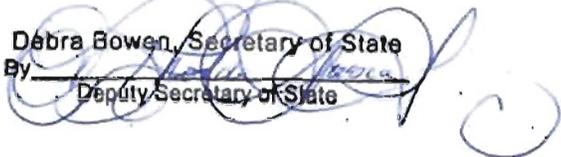
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The Honorable Debra Bowen
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In the office of the Secretary of State
of the State of California

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Via Email.

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:

- 11-0075, "Equality in Education Act"

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

Sincerely,

ASHLEY JOHANSSON
Initiative Coordinator

For KAMALA D. HARRIS
Attorney General

cc: Richard Rios, Committee for Parental Rights in Education

January 13, 2012
Initiative 11-0075

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

EDUCATION. PERMITS PARENTS TO EXCUSE CHILDREN FROM INSTRUCTION IN SOCIAL SCIENCES AND FAMILY LIFE. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Allows a parent or guardian to request that a public school excuse their child from instruction in family life or social sciences when such instruction conflicts with the religious training and beliefs or personal moral convictions of the parent or guardian. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: **Minor school district costs to accommodate students who request to be excluded from certain instruction.** (11-0075)

Committee For Parental Rights In Education
3407 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95825
714-333-0340

November 14, 2011

Office of the Attorney General
Dawn L. McFarland, Acting Initiative Coordinator
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Sacramento, CA 94244-2550

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INITIATIVE COORDINATOR
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

RE: Request to Prepare Title and Summary

Dear Ms. McFarland:

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

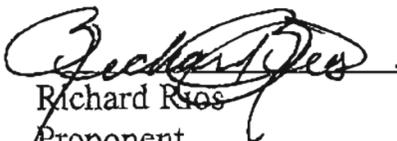
I have also included the following documents:

- Exhibit A: A draft of the initiative
- Exhibit B: The required affidavits signed by the proponent pursuant to California Elections Code, Section 9001 and 9608.
- Exhibit C: A separate page containing the statement required under California Elections Code 9608 and the address at which I am currently registered to vote.

I have also enclosed a check in the amount of \$200 pursuant to Election Code Section 9001(c).

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please contact me at the information provided above with any questions or concerns.

Regards,


Richard Rios
Proponent

INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS

This amendment would amend existing Sections 51240 of the Education Code, relating to instruction. Language proposed to be added is printed in underlined type.

Section 1. TITLE

This measure shall be known and may be cited as "Equality In Education Act"

Section 2. FINDINGS AND DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

- A) Whereas, the public school system is responsible to educate our children in the basic education of reading, writing, and math and not to promote political and sociology dogma to students as young as age five.
- B) Whereas, concerned citizens and parents have been ignored by the legislature in their opposition to the indoctrination of political and sociological agenda of all children in the public schools.
- C) Whereas, parenting is very important and highly personal, especially in moral and religious matter. Parents are ultimately responsible for their children's intellectual and moral maturity, and they provide a zone of sovereignty, a moral space to fulfill their obligations according to their consciences.
- D) Whereas, it is the parent or guardian who should ultimately guide their child in moral and faith beliefs in all subjects of instruction.

Section 3. This Act will amend the California Education Code, Sections 51240 to read:

51240. (a) If any part of a school's instruction in health, social science, and family life conflicts with the religious training and beliefs of a parent or guardian of a pupil, the pupil, upon written request of the parent or guardian, shall be excused from the part of the instruction that conflicts with the religious training and beliefs. (b) For purposes of this section, "religious training and beliefs" includes personal moral convictions.

Section 4. SEVERABILITY

If any provisions of this Act, or part of thereof is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall not be affected, but shall remain

in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

Section 5. AMENDMENTS

The provisions of this Act shall not be amended by the Legislature except to further its purpose by a statute requiring a recorded two thirds vote of the members of the Senate and Assembly concurring.