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January 23, 2012

County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #12037

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters and Proponent

FROM:

  
Rhonda Pascual  
Program Manager

RE: Initiative: 1558, Related to High Speed Rail

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:

**ELIMINATION OF CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL  
AUTHORITY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.**

The proponent of the above-named measure is:

Peter Seidel  
PO Box 5738  
Beverly Hills, CA 90209

#1558

**ELIMINATION OF CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL  
AUTHORITY. 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: ..... Monday, 01/23/12
3. Petitions Sections:
  - a. First day Proponent can circulate Sections for  
signatures (Elections Code § 336) ..... Monday, 01/23/12
  - 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))..... Thursday, 06/21/12
  - 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))..... Tuesday, 07/03/12  

(If the Proponent files the petition with the county on a date prior to  
06/21/12, 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..... Thursday, 07/12/12\*
  - 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))..... Thursday, 08/23/12

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

**INITIATIVE #1558**  
**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 07/12/12, 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)) ..... Sunday, 09/02/12\*
- 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)). ..... Wednesday, 10/17/12

(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 09/02/12, 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). .... Sunday, 10/21/12\*

\*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

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



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January 23, 2012

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

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:

- 11-0084, "No Train Please 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: Peter Seidel

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

JAN 23 2012

Debra Bowen, Secretary of State  
By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Secretary of State

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

**ELIMINATION OF CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY. INITIATIVE**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.** Eliminates High Speed Rail Authority. Bars the State of California from paying for high speed rail unless the people pass a new constitutional amendment specifically altering this prohibition. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: **State debt service savings of up to \$650 million annually from not using state bond funds to support high-speed rail. A one-time loss of \$3.3 billion in federal funds would reduce somewhat the level of economic activity in the state over the next several years, resulting in some reduction in state and local revenues.** (11-0084.)

11-0084

November 8, 2011

Office of the California Attorney General  
ATTN: Initiative Coordinator  
1300 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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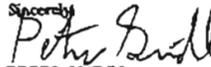
Re: Request for Title and Summary of Proposed Initiative

INITIATIVE COORDINATOR  
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Dear Initiative Coordinator:

I am the proponent of the proposed initiative constitutional amendment filed herewith. I request that the Attorney General prepare a title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed amendment. Enclosed please find my filing fee of \$200, the text of the proposed amendment, and my signed acknowledgment of the purpose of the signatures collected for this measure.

Please forward any inquiries you may have regarding this measure to Peter Seidel, PO Box 5738, Beverly Hills, CA 90209.

Sincerely,  
  
PETER SEIDEL

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**SECTION 1. Title**

This measure shall be known and may be cited as the "No Train Please Act."

**SECTION 2. Elimination of the California High Speed Rail Authority**

Article I, Section 32 is added to the California Constitution, to read:

SEC 32. (a) The California High Speed Rail Authority is hereby deauthorized and eliminated, effective immediately upon this section's effective date.

(b) No high speed rail shall be paid for by the State of California except by referendum of the people specifically altering this Article I, Section 32 of the California Constitution.