

California Secretary of State
1500 - 11th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attn.: Initiative Coordinator

Re: California Stem Cell Research, Treatments, and Cures Initiative of 2020 (19-0022, Amdt. # 1)

Dear Secretary Padilla:

In accordance with California Elections Code section 9034, I, Robert N. Klein, the proponent of the "California Stem Cell Research, Treatments, and Cures Initiative of 2020" (19-0022, Amdt. # 1), hereby certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that at least 25 percent of the required number of signatures to qualify the initiative measure for the ballot (623,212) has been obtained.

- This Initiative would approve \$5.5 billion of additional bond funding to continue the national and internationally leading work of California patient advocacy groups, scientists and physicians on the development of new stem cell and genetic mitigating treatments, therapies and cures for chronic disease and injuries.
- To date, California's stem cell agency has funded research and/or human trials that have led to two FDA-approved cancer therapies, 80 FDA-approved human trials and over 2,800 peer-reviewed, published medical discoveries. The human trials have advanced therapies across a broad scope of chronic diseases and injuries such as cancer, diabetes, paralysis, genetic and age-related blindness, stroke, arthritis, kidney disease, sickle cell disease, HIV/AIDS, and Parkinson's.
- This Initiative does not create any new taxes; and, under the Initiative, there are no General Fund payments during the first five years after passage. The sponsors expect the Initiative to generate substantial tax revenues for the State of California, from this new economic stimulus. The bond repayment period is spread over several decades. The discovery phase for stem cell and genetic therapies was funded by Proposition 71 which passed with over 59% of the vote in 2004.
- The 2004 Initiative for this research and the development of mitigating treatments, therapies and cures for chronic disease and injury, was reported in a recent study by the University of Southern California to have generated, 55,000 full time equivalent jobs, while generating \$10.7 billion in additional state economic stimulus of the economy and \$641 million in new state tax revenues, estimated just through 2018 data.

Executed on this 1st day of February, 2020, at Redondo Beach, California.



Robert N. Klein
Chair, Californians for Stem Cell Research, Treatments, and Cures

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