

**RESOLUTION NO. 9746**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA SETTING PRIORITIES FOR THE FILING OF WRITTEN ARGUMENTS PERTAINING TO AN INITIATIVE PETITION BALLOT MEASURE TO ALLOW OPERATION OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES THAT PREVIOUSLY OPERATED ILLEGALLY, IN VIOLATION OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE; AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS**

WHEREAS, a Primary Nominating Municipal Election, to be consolidated with the Statewide Primary Election, is to be held in the City of Pasadena, on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at which there will be submitted to the voters of said City an initiative petition ballot measure in substantially the following form:

<b>An Initiative to Allow Operation of Cannabis Businesses That Previously Operated Illegally, In Violation of the Pasadena Municipal Code</b> - Shall an ordinance be adopted to allow cannabis businesses that previously operated illegally to: operate without a permit required of legal cannabis businesses; sell cannabis near sensitive uses such as churches, parks, libraries, and residential zones; and increase the number of such businesses beyond the limits adopted by the voters until 2025?	<b>YES</b>	
	<b>NO</b>	

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Pasadena does resolve, declare, determine, and order as follows:

SECTION 1. That pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9282, "For measures placed on the ballot by petition, the persons filing an initiative petition pursuant to this article may file a written argument in favor of the ordinance, and the legislative body may submit an argument against the ordinance."

SECTION 2. That the City Council by consensus authorizes all members of the City Council to file (a) written argument(s) with the City Clerk against the measure.

SECTION 3. That primary written arguments may not exceed 300 words regarding the measure, and shall be accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, with no more than five signatures allowed to appear with any argument, and in accordance with and pursuant to all other related provisions detailed in Article 4, Chapter 3, Division 9 of the California Elections Code.

SECTION 4. The arguments may be submitted, changed, or withdrawn up to and including December 13, 2019 at 5:00 p.m., after which no arguments for or against the initiative petition ballot measure may be submitted to the City Clerk.


SECTION 5. The City Council hereby directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of the measure to the City Attorney. The City Attorney shall cause to be prepared an impartial analysis of the measure showing the effect of the measure on the existing law and the operation of the measure. The impartial analysis shall be filed by December 13, 2019, the deadline set by the City Clerk for the filing of primary arguments.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council on the 22<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Gordo, Madison, Masuda, McAustin,  
Wilson, Vice Mayor Hampton, Mayor Tornek  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Councilmember Kennedy  
ABSTAIN: None

  
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Mark Somsky, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Theresa Fuentes  
Assistant City Attorney