

STATE OF COLORADO

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Secretary of State

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Director, Elections Division

August 7, 2017

Mr. Daniel Hayes
5115 Easley Road
Golden, CO 80403

Re: Proposed Initiative #4 – petition format approval

Dear Mr. Hayes:

The Secretary of State's office has reviewed the petition format for Proposed Initiative #4, which was submitted on August 4, 2017. The petition format is in compliance with Article 40, Title 1, C.R.S., and is therefore approved.

You must submit your petition to our office within six months from the date the ballot title and submission clause were fixed by the Title Board. The ballot title and submission clause for Proposed Initiative #4 became final on May 30, 2017 when the Colorado Supreme Court affirmed the Title Board's action. Therefore, the deadline to submit your petition to our office is **November 30, 2017**.¹

You must collect at least **98,492** signatures from registered electors, which is equal to five percent of the total number of votes cast for all candidates for the office of Secretary of State (1,969,834) at the previous general election.² Because your initiative seeks to amend the Colorado constitution, you must also obtain signatures from an amount equal to at least 2% of the registered electors in each of Colorado's 35 state senate districts.³ The attached report breaks down the number of signatures you need from each district.

Under Colorado law, both designated representatives must be present when the petition is filed with the Secretary of State. The designated representatives are also required to provide the following additional information:

- At the time of filing, a list of the names and addresses of all circulators who circulated, and names of notaries public who notarized petition sections on behalf of the proponents;⁴ and
- No later than 10 days after the petition has been filed, a report that includes:⁵

¹ Section 1-40-108(1), C.R.S.; Secretary of State Election Rule 15.3.1.

² Article V, Section 1(2), Colorado Constitution.

³ Article V, Section 1 (2.5), Colorado Constitution.

⁴ Section 1-40-111(4), C.R.S.

⁵ Section 1-40-121, C.R.S.

- The dates of circulation by all circulators who were paid to circulate a petition section;
- The total hours for which each circulator was paid;
- The gross amount of wages paid for each circulator;
- Any addresses used by circulators on their affidavits that the designated representatives or their agents have determined, prior to petition filing, to be false addresses; and
- Any other expenditure made by any person or issue committee related to the circulation of petitions for signatures, including the name of the person or issue committee that made the expenditure and the amount of the expenditure.

In addition, please be advised that, if two hundred or more petition sections are printed or accepted in connection with the circulation of the petition, you must register an issue committee in accordance with section 1-45-108(3.3), C.R.S.⁶

Finally, as the filing deadline approaches, we ask that you provide our office with an estimated submission date. With a few weeks of preparation time, we are able to ensure that the appropriate staff and supplies are on hand to process each initiative as quickly as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Mustin at 303-894-2200 ext. 6367 or at jeffrey.mustin@sos.state.co.us.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Mustin
Petitions Lead
Elections Division

cc: Julianne Page, Designated Representative

⁶ Section 1-40-113(1)(b), C.R.S.