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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: October 7, 2024

To: Lakewood City Council

From: Jay Robb, City Clerk

Re: Initial Determination of Sufficiency for Initiative Petition – Title: “An Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Lakewood Municipal Code Chapter 14.16 Relating to Park and Open Space Dedication to Eliminate the Option for Developers to Pay a Fee in Lieu of Parkland Dedication and to Require the City to Accept Open Space and Land Dedications for Current and Future Developments.”

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Hello Council, as you are all likely aware, on September 20, 2024, the petition representatives for the above-referenced initiative timely filed their signed petitions with my office. Pursuant to section 2.52.090(A) of the Lakewood Municipal Code (LMC), I am required to make an initial sufficiency determination on the filed petition and to report the results thereof to the City Council within 20 days of the petition being filed with my office.

A petition is “initially sufficient” when it has received the required number of signatures. Thus, pursuant to LMC section 2.52.090(A)(1-5), my office analyzed the sufficiency of this petition by reviewing the addresses of the signers, confirming that no signature appeared more than once in support of the petition, ensuring that there was only one signature per line, and checking that all who signed the petition are registered electors in the city who provided the necessary information on the petition form.

In the two and a half weeks since the petition was filed, my staff has reviewed all of the signatures on the petition forms for this initiative and it is my INITIAL DETERMINATION there are a sufficient number of valid signatures to move forward with the citizens’ initiative process.

In total, the City Clerk’s Office accepted 111 petitions with a total of 8,328 signatures. Of the 8,328 signatures, 6,456 signatures were accepted as valid. At least 5,862 valid signatures are needed to bring the initiated ordinance to the City Council for a vote, and upon my review, this initiative has exceeded that baseline threshold.

My FINAL SUFFICIENCY DETERMINATION will be made to the City Council in person on October 21, 2024 at the close of the protest period for this initiative.

-Jay Robb, City Clerk

cc: Petition Representatives