

# TNC Petition Certification



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ITEM B.1**

# TNC Initiative Petition



- **Received on January 19, 2016**
- **Petition requirements**
  - The required number of signatures is 19,765
    - ✦ 5% of the qualified voters within the full-purpose jurisdiction or 20,000 which ever is less
  - The signature is the only information required to be in the signer's own handwriting
  - Use of ditto marks, abbreviations, omission of state or zip code does not invalidate a signature
- **The TNC Petition consisted of**
  - 9,344 pages
  - 26,320 signatures submitted

# OCC Processes



- **Texas Election Code, Section 277.003 allows the City Secretary or other authority responsible for verifying the signatures to use any reasonable statistical sampling method in determining whether the petition contains the required number of valid signatures.**
  - Sample may not be less than 25% of the total number of signatures submitted or 1,000 whichever is greater.
  - Sample size for the TNC petition was 6,580

# OCC Processes



- **Step 1: Number pages and count the signatures**
- **Step 2: Create a spreadsheet detailing the number of pages and total number of signatures on each page**
- **Step 3: Submit the information to Dr. Sager**
- **Step 4: Dr. Sager creates a random sample list for the City**
- **Step 5: Verify each signature on the random sample list**
- **Step 6: Record in the Clerk's Petition Verification system each signature validated, duplicated or disqualified**

# OCC Processes



- **Step 7: Double check each disqualified signature or duplicate**
- **Step 8: Submit the findings to Dr. Sager for analysis**
  - Number of signatures validated
  - Number of signatures disqualified
  - Number of signatures duplicated including the number of times a signature was duplicated.
- **Step 9: Submit the findings to Council with the Clerk's Certification**
- **Required more than 400 hours of staff time**

# Sample Results



1. Number of signatures: 26,320
2. Number of valid signatures required: 19,765
3. Number of signatures verified by statistical sampling method: 6,580
4. Results of the random sample verification
  1. 6,427 signatures were validated
  2. 153 were disqualified
    1. 113 not on voter list
    2. 27 duplicates (22 signed twice, 1 signed three times and 1 signed four times)
    3. 13 other reasons (ETJ, etc.)

# Analysis and Certification



- **We estimate that there are 25,384 valid signatures on the TNC petition.**
- **Using a random sample of a size required by law, the City is 95% confident that the true number of valid signatures on the entire petition exceeds 25,171 and is 95% confident that the true number of valid signatures on the entire petition is less than 25,596.**
- **Furthermore, the City is virtually certain that the true number exceeds 19,765.**

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**QUESTIONS**