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ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT
Secretary of State's Office

Honorable Frank M. Jordan
Secretary of State
State Capitol
Sacramento, California

Dear Sir:

Re: TELEVISION PROGRAMS. INITIATIVE.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 3507 of the Elections Code, you are hereby informed that on this date we mailed to Mr. A. C. Childhouse, 61 Via Belardo, Greenbrae, California, as proponent, the following title and summary:

Mr. A. C. Childhouse
61 Via Belardo
Greenbrae, California

PROPOONENT:

TELEVISION PROGRAMS. INITIATIVE.

Declares it contrary to public policy to permit development of subscription television business. Provides no charge shall be made to public for television programs transmitted to home television sets. Contracts inconsistent with free transmission made after effective date of Act or still executory are void. Act does not apply to community, hotel, or apartment antenna systems, or non-profit educational television systems. Injured person may seek damages or injunction for violation of Act. Repeals Sections 35001-35003, Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to subscription television.

Enclosed herewith is a declaration of mailing thereof.

Very truly yours,

STANLEY MOSK
Attorney General

E. G. BENARD
Assistant Attorney General

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Enc.

FRANK M. JORDAN
SECRETARY OF STATE



OFFICE OF THE
Secretary of State
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
SACRAMENTO 14

January 23, 1964

TO ALL COUNTY CLERKS AND REGISTRARS OF VOTERS:

Pursuant to Section 3507, Elections Code, there is transmitted herewith a copy of the Summary of a proposed Initiative, entitled:

TELEVISION PROGRAMS. Initiative.

The Official Summary Date is 1/22/64

Full legal time allowances:

- Deadline for filing original petitions 4/21/64
- Deadline for examining signatures 5/11/64
("Forthwith transmit to Secretary of State")
- Deadline for circulating supplementals 5/29/64
(40th day after filing originals being 5/31, a Sunday)
- Deadline for filing supplemental petitions 6/19/64
(40th day from transmission of certificate covering original petition being 5/20, a Saturday)
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QUALIFICATION DEADLINE with Secretary of State
for 1964 General Election ballot 6/25/64

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From OFFICE of FRANK M. JORDAN
Secretary of State

For IMMEDIATE RELEASE, 5/11/64

The proposed Initiative entitled "Television Programs," commonly referred to as the "Free Television Act," qualified today for the coming November general election ballot according to Frank M. Jordan, Secretary of State.

Valid signatures necessary	468,259
Valid signatures on file with county clerks and registrars of voters as certified to Secretary of State as of opening of business 5/11/64	279,372
Valid signatures per certifications received by Secretary of State 5/11/64	396,059
	<u>675,431</u>
Excess number of valid signatures	207,172
	<u>675,431</u>

Prior to 1964, the record number of valid signatures on any Initiative was 605,242. This was the Initiative Constitutional Amendment entitled "Public School Funds" in 1952. Such record was first broken last March with certifications showing 633,291 valid signatures on one Initiative Constitutional Amendment entitled "Sales and Rentals of Residential Real Property." The Television Initiative surpasses that by 42,140.

Filings from ~~47~~ counties accounted for the 675,431 figure -- with San Diego County yet to report.

The title and summary of said proposal reads: "TELEVISION PROGRAMS. INITIATIVE. Declares it contrary to public policy to permit development of subscription television business. Provides no charge shall be made to public for television programs transmitted to home television sets. Contracts inconsistent with free transmission made after effective date of Act or still executory are void. Act does not apply to community, hotel, or apartment antenna systems, or non-profit educational television systems. Injured person may seek damages or injunction for violation of Act. Repeals Sections 35001-35003, Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to subscription television."