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Blasphemy

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Office of the Secretary of State
March Fong Eu

111 Capitol Mall, Room 220
Sacramento, California 95814

Elections Division
(916) 445-0820

September 12, 1978

TO: ALL REGISTRARS OF VOTERS/COUNTY CLERKS
FROM: CASHMERE M. APPERSON, ELECTIONS TECHNICIAN

Pursuant to Elections Code 3520(b) you are hereby notified that the total number of signatures to the hereinafter named proposed initiative constitutional amendment filed with all county clerks is less than 100 percent of the number of qualified voters required to find the petition sufficient.

TITLE: BLASPHEMY
SUMMARY DATE: April 6, 1978
PROPONENT: Felix Samaniego

The petition has failed and no further action is necessary.

Cashie

For Immediate Release
September 12, 1978

Contact: Michael S. Gagan

TWO INITIATIVES FAIL SAYS SECRETARY OF STATE EU

SACRAMENTO -- Secretary of State March Fong Eu today (September 12) officially announced the failure of two initiative drives to qualify for the June 1980 ballot.

"The 'Blasphemy Initiative Constitutional Amendment' and 'Domestic Energy Initiative Statute' have both fallen short of their respective signature requirements," Ms. Eu said.

The blasphemy measure, sponsored by Felix Samaniego of Banning, would have prohibited "persons from printing, distributing or selling any printed matter or from making or distributing any film which blasphemes God, Jesus Christ, the Virgin Mary, Joseph the husband of the Virgin Mary, or the Holy Family, or expose them to contempt and ridicule." The measure needed 499,846 valid signatures to qualify for the ballot.

The domestic energy measure, sponsored by Paul Randolph of Menlo Park, would have repealed the "Energy Resources Conservation and Development Act" and authorized "helium-cooled, barge-mounted nuclear reactors in marinas, offshore supertanker terminals, and pipeline to ocean (sic.) to stabilize the Salton Sea, condemnation of marina lands, the use of utility funds to inform the public, and minimum fifteen percent earning on utility ownership." The measure needed 312,404 valid signatures to earn a place on the June 1980 ballot.

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TO ALL COUNTY CLERKS/REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Pursuant to Section 3513 of the Elections Code, there is transmitted herewith a copy of the Title and Summary prepared by the Attorney General on a proposed Initiative Measure entitled:

BLASPHEMY
INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Circulating and Filing Schedule

- 1. Minimum number of signatures required 499,846
Constitution II, 8(b).
- 2. Official Summary Date Thursday, 4/6/78
Elections Code Section 3513.
- 3. Petition Sections:
 - a. First day Proponent can circulate
Sections for signatures Thursday, 4/6/78
Elections Code Section 3513.
 - b. Last day Proponent can circulate and
file with the county. All Sections are
to be filed at the same time within each
county Friday, 9/1/78*+
Elections Code Sections 3513, 3520(a).
 - c. Last day for county to determine total
number of signatures affixed to petition
and to transmit total to Secretary of
State Friday, 9/8/78

* Date adjusted for official deadline which falls on Sunday.

+ IMPORTANT NOTE: This petition must be filed with the County Clerk or Registrar of Voters by May 4, 1978 to ensure that it will be verified by the county in time to qualify for the November 7, 1978 General Election. September 1, 1978 is the last date which the petition may legally be filed. However, a petition filed on that date could qualify for a later election.

Please call me at (916) 445-0820 if you wish further explanation of this note.

(If the Proponent files the petition with the county on a date prior to 9/1/78, the county has 5 working days from the filing of the petition to determine the total number of signatures affixed to the petition and to transmit this total to the Secretary of State.)
Elections Code Section 3520(b).

- d. Last day for county to determine number of qualified electors who have signed the petition, and to transmit certificate, with a blank copy of the petition to the Secretary of State Saturday, 9/23/78

(If the Secretary of State notifies the counties to determine the number of qualified electors who signed the petition on a date prior to 9/8/78, the last day is not later than the fifteenth day after the notification.)
Elections Code Section 3520(d), (e).

- e. If the signature count is between 499,861 and 549,831 then the Secretary of State notifies counties using the random sampling technique to determine validity of all signatures.

Last day for county to determine actual number of all qualified electors who signed the petition, and to transmit certificate, with a blank copy of the petition to the Secretary of State Monday, 10/23/78

(If the Secretary of State notifies the counties to determine the number of qualified electors who have signed the petition on a date prior to 9/23/78, the last day is not later than the thirtieth day after the notification.)
Elections Code Section 3521(b), (c).

4. Campaign Statements:

Last day for Proponent to file a Campaign Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for period ending 9/29/78 Friday, 10/6/78

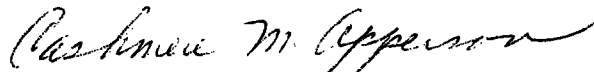
(If the Secretary of State finds that the measure has either qualified or failed to qualify on a date earlier than 9/1/78, the last date to file is the 35th calendar day after the date of notification by the Secretary of State that the measure has either qualified or failed to qualify. The closing date for this campaign statement is 7 days prior to the filing deadline.)

Government Code Section 84204.

5. The proponent of the above named measure is:

Felix Samaniego
P.O. Box 17
Banning, CA 92220

WILLIAM N. DURLEY
Assistant to the Secretary of State
Elections and Political Reform



CASHMERE M. APPERSON
Elections Technician

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NOTE TO PROPONENT: Your attention is directed to Elections Code Sections 41, 44, 3501, 3507, 3508, 3516, 3517, and 3519 for appropriate format and type considerations in printing, typing and otherwise preparing your initiative petition for circulation and signatures. Your attention is further directed to the campaign disclosure and petition circulating requirements of the Political Reform Act of 1974.

DECLARATION OF MAILING

RE: Initiative Constitutional Amendment
Blasphemy; Felix Samaniego, Proponent
00002105-SA78RF0027

I, Valeska Barham, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action; I reside in the County of Sacramento, State of California; my business address and place of employment is 555 Capitol Mall, Suite 550, Sacramento, CA 95814.

The proponent(s) of the above named measure is
Felix Samaniego
P. O. Box 17
Banning, CA 92220

On the 6th day of April, 1978, I mailed a letter, a true copy of which is attached hereto, to the person(s) above named, in an envelope addressed to him at the address(es) set out immediately below name(s), sealed said envelope(s), and deposited the same in the United States mail at the City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento, State of California, with postage thereon fully prepaid, and there is regular communication between the said place of mailing and the place(s) so addressed.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at Sacramento, California, on
April 6, 1978.

Valeska Barham



OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Department of Justice

555 CAPITOL MALL, SUITE 350
SACRAMENTO 95814
(916) 445-9558

April 6, 1978

FILE
in the office of the Secretary of State
of the State of California

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to the office of the Secretary of State
Rashman M. Apperson
Deputy

Honorable March Fong Eu
Secretary of State
925 L Street, Suite 605
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention Rico Nannini.

Re: Initiative Constitutional Amendment - Blasphemy
File No. 00002105-SA78RF0027

Dear Mrs. Eu:

Pursuant to the provisions of sections 3503 and 3513 of the Elections Code, you are hereby informed that on this day we mailed to Felix Samaniego, as proponent, the following title and summary:

BLASPHEMY - INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.
Prohibits persons from printing, distributing or selling any printed matter or from making or distributing any film which blasphemes God, Jesus Christ, the Virgin Mary, Joseph the husband of the Virgin Mary, or the Holy Family, or exposes them to contempt and ridicule. Financial impact: Would not result in substantial state and local costs.

Enclosed is a declaration of mailing thereof, and a copy of the proposed measure.

According to information available in our records the address of the proponent of this measure is as stated on the declaration of mailing. We do not have his telephone number.

Very truly yours,

EVELLE J. YOUNGER
Attorney General

Geoffrey L. Graybill
GEOFFREY L. GRAYBILL
Deputy Attorney General

GLG:vb
Enc.

CHRISTIANS FOR CHRIST

P. O. BOX 17
BANNING, CALIFORNIA 92220

Feb. 27, 1978

Evelle J. Younger
Attorney General
555 Capitol Mall, Suite 350
Sacramento, California

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is the initiative drafted for us by the Legislative Counsel. Enclosed also is the \$200 required to get a title and summary for our measure.

We hope that everything is in order as we hope to try for the November election. Please let us know if there is anything else that is required to get the title and summary.

Hoping to hear from you as soon as possible, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Felix Samaniego

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INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

(Here set forth the title and summary prepared by the Attorney General. This title and summary must also be printed across the top of each page of the petition on which signatures are to appear.)

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smaller than
12-point

TO THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA

We, the undersigned, registered, qualified voters of California, residents of ____ County (or City and County) hereby propose an amendment to the Constitution of California and petition the Secretary of State to submit the same to the voters of California for their adoption or rejection at the next succeeding general election or at any special statewide election held prior to that general election or otherwise provided by law. The proposed constitutional amendment reads as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 7 is added to Article XX, to read:

SEC. 7. No person shall print, distribute, or sell any book, pamphlet, newspaper or other printed matter, or make or distribute any film, which blasphemes

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God, Jesus Christ, the Virgin Mary, Joseph the husband of the Virgin Mary, or the Holy Family, or exposes them or any of them to contempt and ridicule.

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