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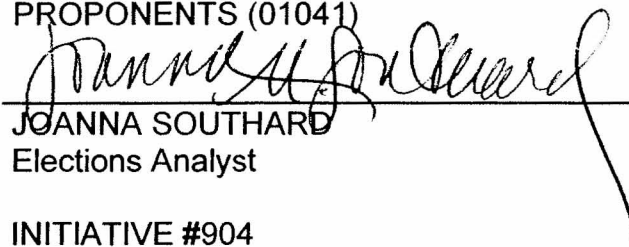


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March 9, 2001

TO: ALL COUNTY CLERKS/REGISTRARS OF VOTERS AND
PROPOSERS (01041)

FROM: 
JOANNA SOUTHARD
Elections Analyst

SUBJECT: INITIATIVE #904

Pursuant to Elections Code section 9030(b), you are hereby notified that the total number of signatures to the hereinafter named proposed INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT with all county elections officials is less than 100 percent of the number of qualified voters required to find the petition sufficient; therefore, the petition has **failed**.

TITLE: PEACE OFFICER AND FIREFIGHTER
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION.

SUMMARY DATE: September 27, 2000

PROPOSERS: Mark McNeil



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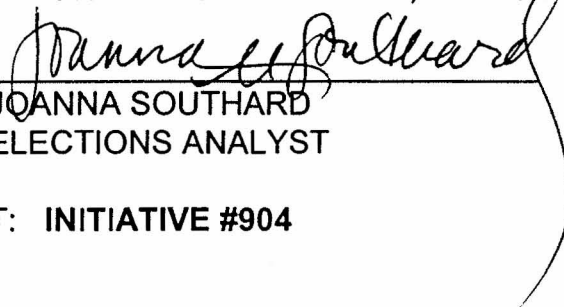
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September 27, 2000

TO: ALL REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, OR COUNTY CLERKS, AND PROPONENTS (00268)

FROM:


JOANNA SOUTHARD
ELECTIONS ANALYST

SUBJECT: **INITIATIVE #904**

Pursuant to Elections Code section 336, we transmit herewith a copy of the Title and Summary prepared by the Attorney General on a proposed initiative measure entitled:

**PEACE OFFICER AND FIREFIGHTER
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION.
INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.**

The proponent of the above-named measure is:

Mark McNeil
1636 South Sherbourne Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90035

(310) 274-7032



#904
PEACE OFFICER AND FIREFIGHTER
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION.
INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

CIRCULATING AND FILING SCHEDULE

1. Minimum number of signatures required: 670,816
California Constitution, Article II, Section 8(b)

2. Official Summary Date:..... Wednesday, 09/27/00
Elections Code section (EC§) 336

3. Petitions Sections:
 - a. First day Proponent can circulate Sections for
signatures (EC §336) Wednesday, 09/27/00

 - b. Last day Proponent can circulate and file
with the county. All sections are to be filed at the
same time within each county (EC §336, 9030(a)) Monday, 02/26/01*

 - c. Last day for county to determine total number of
signatures affixed to petitions and to transmit total
to the Secretary of State (EC §9030(b))..... Thursday, 03/08/01**

(If the Proponent files the petition with the county on a date prior to 02/26/01,
the county has eight working days from the filing of the petition to determine the
total number of signatures affixed to the petition and to transmit the total to the
Secretary of State) (EC §9030(b)).

 - d. Secretary of State determines whether the total number
of signatures filed with all county clerks/registrars of
voters meets the minimum number of required signatures,
and notifies the counties (EC §9030(c))..... Saturday, 03/17/01**

 - e. Last day for county to determine total number of qualified
voters who signed the petition, and to transmit certificate
with a blank copy of the petition to the Secretary of State
(EC §9030(d)(e))Friday, 04/27/01

* Date adjusted for official deadline which falls on Saturday (EC §15).
** Date varies based on receipt of county certification.

INITIATIVE #904
Circulating and Filing Schedule continued:

(If the Secretary of State notifies the county to determine the number of qualified voters who signed the petition on a date other than 04/27/01, the last day is no later than the thirtieth day after the county's receipt of notification). (EC §9030(d)(e)).

- f. If the signature count is more than 737,898 or less than 637,275 then the Secretary of State certifies the petition as qualified or failed, and notifies the counties. If the signature count is between 637,275 and 737,898 inclusive, then the Secretary of State notifies the counties using the random sampling technique to determine the validity of all signatures (EC §9030(f)(g); 9031(a)) Monday, 05/07/01*

- g. Last day for county to determine actual number of all qualified voters who signed the petition, and to transmit certificate with a blank copy of the petition to the Secretary of State. (EC §9031(b)(c)). Tuesday, 06/19/01

(If the Secretary of State notifies the county to determine the number of qualified voters who have signed the petition on a date other than 05/07/01, the last day is no later than the thirtieth working day after the county's receipt of notification) (EC §9031(b)(c)).

- h. Secretary of State certifies whether the petition has been signed by the number of qualified voters required to declare the petition sufficient (EC §9031(d); 9033)..... Saturday, 06/23/01*

* Date varies based on receipt of county certification.

IMPORTANT POINTS

- California law prohibits the use of signatures, names and addresses gathered on initiative petitions for any purpose other than to qualify the initiative measure for the ballot. This means that the petitions cannot be used to create or add to mailing lists or similar lists for any purpose, including fundraising or requests for support. Any such misuses constitutes a crime under California law. Elections Code section 18650; *Bilofsky v. Deukmejian* (1981) 123 Cal. App. 3d 825, 177 Cal. Rptr. 621; 63 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 37 (1980).
- Please refer to Elections Code sections 100,101,104,9001, 9008, 9009, 9021, and 9022 for appropriate format and type consideration in printing, typing and otherwise preparing your initiative petition for circulation and signatures. Please send a copy of the petition after you have it printed. This copy is not for our review or approval, but to supplement our file.
- Your attention is directed to the campaign disclosure requirements of the **Political Reform Act of 1974**, Government Code section 81000 et seq. A brief summary is attached for your reference.
- When writing or calling state or county elections officials, provide the official title of the initiative which was prepared by the Attorney General. Use of this title will assist elections officials in referencing the proper file.
- When a petition is presented to the county elections official for filing by someone other than the proponent, the required authorization shall include the name or names of the persons filing the petition.
- When filing the petition with the county elections official, please provide a blank petition for elections official use.

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BILL LOCKYER
Attorney General

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



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September 27, 2000

FILED
In the office of the Secretary of State
of the State of California

SEP 27 2000

Bill Jones
Secretary of State
1500 - 11th Street, 5th Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

BILL JONES, Secretary of State
By *Jannell Hubbard*
Deputy Secretary of State

RE: Initiative Title and Summary
SUBJECT: PEACE OFFICER AND FIREFIGHTER PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION.
INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.
FILE NO: SA2000RF0024

Dear Mr. Jones:

Pursuant to the provisions of sections 9004 and 336 of the Elections Code, you are hereby notified that on this day we mailed our title and summary to the proponent of the above-identified proposed initiative.

Enclosed is a copy of our transmittal letter to the proponent, a copy of our title and summary, a declaration of service thereof, and a copy of the proposed measure.

According to information available in our records, the name and address of the proponent is as stated on the declaration of service.

Sincerely,

Tricia Knight
TRICIA KNIGHT
Initiative Coordinator

For BILL LOCKYER
Attorney General

TK:cw
Enclosures

Date: September 27, 2000
File No.: SA2000RF0024

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

PEACE OFFICER AND FIREFIGHTER PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION. INITIATIVE

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Amends the Constitution to allow the Legislature to

provide full or partial property tax exemption for the home of firefighters or police officers if the

person died as a result of an injury sustained or disease contracted while on duty or the person is

blind in both eyes, has lost the use of two or more limbs, or is totally disabled because of an

injury incurred while on duty. Exemption may be granted to the eligible firefighter or police

officer or his or her spouse, including an unmarried surviving spouse. Summary of estimate by

Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: The

measure would result in a major fiscal impact. Dependant on legislative action, potential loss of

local property tax revenues of several million dollars annually, with about half of any losses

made up by increased state spending.

From Mark McNeil
Proponent: McNeil Police and Firefighter Property Tax Disability Exemption
1636 South Sherbourne Drive
Los Angeles CA 90035

To The Honorable Bill Lockyer
California Attorney General
ATTN: Tricia Knight, Initiative Coordinator
PO Box 944255
Sacramento CA 94244-2550

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INITIATIVE COORDINATOR
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

August 4, 2000

Dear Tricia:

Please accept my proposed text for the McNeil Police and Firefighters Property Tax Disability Exemption, as well as a check for \$200 as required by law. I am the sole proponent of the measure.

My proposed text, with a modification to the title, was prepared at my request by the Office of Legislative Counsel. The draft modifies the appropriate section of the Revenue and Taxation Code to provide a property tax exemption for disabled police and firefighters identical to the benefit allowed for disabled combat veterans.

The proposed popular name for the initiative is "Help the Heroes".

As Deputy Assessor, LA County, I believe the measure has been properly constructed from a revenue and taxation standpoint. I also believe Leg Counsel's text to be legally sound.

Please prepare a Title and Summary for the measure, and keep me informed as to the progress of the initiative.

Thank you very much for the efforts of your office in processing this measure.

Best regards,



Mark McNeil
Deputy Assessor
LA County Assessor

Contact: Home/Fax (310) 274-7032
Cell (310) 722-7032
Email Cymac6500@aol.com

5/11/2000 11:00 AM

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:

(TO BE COMPOSED BY The ATTORNEY GENERAL- Proposed Title: McNeil Police and Firefighters Property Tax Disability Exemption. To provide an exemption from the property tax for those police officers and firefighters, or their surviving families, who are permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty.)

TO THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

We, the undersigned, registered, qualified voters of California, residents of _____ County (or City and County), hereby propose amendments to the Constitution of California (The _____ Code, relating to _____) 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 other wise provided by law. The proposed statutory amendments (full title and text of the measure) read as follows:

MCNEIL POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS DISABILITY

EXEMPTION

SECTION 1: This act shall be known and may be cited as the McNeil Police and Firefighters Property Tax Disability Exemption Act.

SECTION 2: Section 4 of Article XIII of the California Constitution is amended to read:

SECTION 4: The Legislature may exempt from property taxation in whole or in part:

- (a) The home of a person or a person's spouse, including an unmarried surviving spouse, if that home is not receiving another real property exemption and the person is described by any of the following:
 - (1) Because of injury incurred in military service or while on duty as a peace officer or firefighter, the person is blind in both eyes, has lost the use of two or more limbs, or is totally disabled.
 - (2) As a result of a service-connected injury or disease, the person died while on active duty in military service.

- (3) The person died as a result of an injury sustained or disease contracted while on duty as a peace officer or firefighter.
- (b) Property used exclusively for religious, hospital, or charitable purposes or other entities (1) that are organized and operating for those purposes, (2) that are nonprofit, and (3) no part of whose net earnings inures to the benefit of any shareholder or individual.
- (c) Property owned by the California School of Mechanical Arts, California Academy of Sciences, or Cogswell Polytechnic Institute, or held in trust for the Huntington Library and Art Gallery, or their successors.
- (d) Real Property not used for commercial purposes that is reasonably and necessarily required for parking vehicles and worshipping on land exempt by subdivision (f) of Section 3.

