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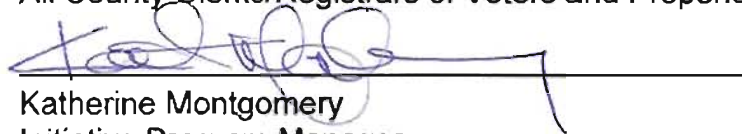
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June 22, 2012

County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #12204

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters and Proponent

FROM:


Katherine Montgomery
Initiative Program Manager

RE: Initiative: Failure of #1547, Related to Parental Notification

Pursuant to Elections Code section 9030(b), you are hereby notified that the total number of signatures for the hereinafter named initiative constitutional amendment filed 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: PROHIBITS ABORTIONS FOR FEMALES UNDER 18
WITHOUT PARENTAL NOTIFICATION. INITIATIVE
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

SUMMARY DATE: January 11, 2012

PROPONENT: John Smith



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January 12, 2012

County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #12018

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters and Proponent

FROM:


Katherine Montgomery
Initiative Program Manager

RE: Initiative: 1547, Related to Parental Notification

Pursuant to Elections Code section 9004 (c), we transmit herewith a copy of the Title and Summary prepared by the Attorney General on a proposed initiative measure entitled:

**PROHIBITS ABORTIONS FOR
FEMALES UNDER 18 WITHOUT PARENTAL
NOTIFICATION. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.**

The proponent of the above-named measure is:

John Smith

john.smith.jsjs@gmail.com

#1547

**PROHIBITS ABORTIONS FOR
FEMALES UNDER 18 WITHOUT PARENTAL
NOTIFICATION. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.**

CIRCULATING AND FILING SCHEDULE

1. Minimum number of signatures required: 807,615
California Constitution, Article II, Section 8(b)

2. Official Summary Date: Wednesday, 01/11/12

3. Petitions Sections:
 - a. First day Proponent can circulate Sections for
signatures (Elections Code § 336) Wednesday, 01/11/12

 - b. Last day Proponent can circulate and file with the county.
All sections are to be filed at the same time within each
county. (Elections Codes §§ 9014, 9030(a)) Monday, 06/11/12*

 - c. Last day for county to determine total number of
signatures affixed to petitions and to transmit total
to the Secretary of State (Elections Code § 9030(b)) Thursday, 06/21/12

(If the Proponent files the petition with the county on a date prior to
06/11/12, 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) (Elections Code § 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 Saturday, 06/30/12**

 - 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
(Elections Code §§ 9030(d)(e)) Monday, 08/13/12

* Date adjusted for official deadline, which falls on a weekend (Elec. Code § 15).

** Date varies based on the date of county receipt.

INITIATIVE #1547
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 06/30/12, the last day is no later than the thirtieth working day after the county's receipt of notification). (Elections Code §§ 9030(d)(e).)

- f. If the signature count is more than 888,377 or less than 767,235 then the Secretary of State certifies the petition as qualified or failed, and notifies the counties. If the signature count is between 767,235 and 888,377 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)) Thursday, 08/23/12*

- 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. (Elections Code §§ 9031(b)(c)). Tuesday, 10/09/12

(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 08/23/12, the last day is no later than the thirtieth working day after the county's receipt of notification.) (Elections Code §§ 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 (Elections Code §§ 9031(d), 9033)... Saturday, 10/13/12*

*Date varies based on the date of county receipt.

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 § 18650; *Bilofsky v. Deukmejian* (1981) 124 Cal.App.3d 825, 177 Cal.Rptr. 621; 63 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 37 (1980).
- Please refer to Elections Code §§ 100, 101, 104, 9008, 9009, 9013, 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.
- 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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January 11, 2012

The Honorable Debra Bowen
Secretary of State
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In the office of the Secretary of State
of the State of California

JAN 11 2012 *VIA EMAIL*

Debra Bowen, Secretary of State
By 
Deputy Secretary of State

Attention: Ms. Katherine Montgomery
Elections Analyst

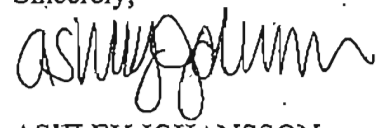
Dear Secretary Bowen:

Pursuant to Elections Code section 9004, you are hereby notified that on this day we sent our title and summary for the following proposed initiative to the proponent:

- 11-0076 "Parental Notification, Child and Teen Safety, and Stop Predators Act"

A copy of that title and summary and text of the proposed initiative is enclosed. Please contact me if you have questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,



ASHLEY JOHANSSON
Initiative Coordinator

For KAMALA D. HARRIS
Attorney General

cc: John Smith

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

PROHIBITS ABORTIONS FOR FEMALES UNDER 18 WITHOUT PARENTAL NOTIFICATION. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Changes California Constitution to prohibit abortion for unemancipated minor until physician notifies her parent/legal guardian in writing. Provides exceptions for medical emergency, parental waiver, or parental abuse documented by notarized statement from law enforcement, protective services, or certain adult relatives. Permits judge to waive notice if minor appears personally in court and proves maturity or waiver is in her best interest. Requires physicians to report specific abortion information to Department of Public Health. Physicians can be sued for violating these provisions up to 12 years after abortion. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: **Potential unknown net state costs of several million dollars annually for health and social services programs, court administration, and state health agency administration combined.** (11-0076)

11-0076

November 16, 2011

Office of the Attorney General of California
Attn: Dawn L. McFarland, Acting Initiative Coordinator
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P.O. Box 944255
Sacramento, CA 94244-2550

Telephone: (916) 324-5464
Fax: (916) 324-8835
E-Mail: Dawn.McFarland@doj.ca.gov

Re: **Request for Title and Summary for Proposed Initiative**

Dear Initiative Coordinator Dawn McFarland:

Pursuant to Article II, Section 10(d) of the California Constitution, I am submitting the attached proposed statewide Constitutional Amendment ballot initiative to your office and request the preparation of a title and summary for the ballot initiative as provided by law.

I propose the title: **Parental Notification, Child and Teen Safety, and Stop Predators Act**

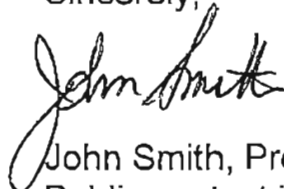
I have also included with this letter the signed Proponent Certifications required under California Elections Code sections 9001(b) and 9608, my voter registration address, and payment in the amount of \$200.

I am a registered voter in the state of California.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at my voter registration residence address, or by telephone, fax, or e-mail using the information provided on the attached letter.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



John Smith, Proponent

Public contact information: John.Smith.jsjs@gmail.com

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INITIATIVE COORDINATOR
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO VOTERS

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

(Insert 100 word title and summary)

To the Honorable Secretary of State of California:

We the undersigned, registered, qualified voters of California, residents of the afore-described County (or City and County), on the signature page of this petition section, hereby propose an amendment to the Constitution of the State of California relating to parental notification and personal consent prior to the performance of an abortion on a pregnant unemancipated minor, 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 the general election or otherwise provided by law. The proposed amendment reads as follows:

SECTION 1. Title

This amendment shall be known and may be cited as the Parental Notification, Child and Teen Safety, and Stop Predators Act.

SECTION 2. Declaration of Findings and Purposes

The People of California have a compelling interest in protecting minors from the known risks of secret abortions, including the danger of not obtaining prompt care for health- and life-threatening complications when a minor's parent is unaware that she has undergone a secret abortion. The People also have a compelling interest in preventing sexual predators from using secret abortions to conceal sexual exploitation of minors.

SECTION 3. Parental Notification

Section 32 of Article 1 of the California Constitution is added to read:

SEC. 32 (a) For purposes of this Section, the following terms shall be defined to mean:

(1) "Parent" means a person who, at the time notice or waiver is required under this Section, is either a parent if both parents have legal custody, or the parent or person having legal custody, or the legal guardian of an unemancipated minor.

(2) "Unemancipated minor" means a female under the age of 18 years who has not entered into a valid marriage and is not on active duty with the armed services of the United States and has not received a declaration of emancipation under state law. For the purposes of this Section, pregnancy does not emancipate a female under the age of 18 years.

(3) "Physician" means any person authorized under the statutes and regulations of the State of California to perform an abortion upon an unemancipated minor.

(4) "Notice" means a written notification, signed and dated by a physician or his or her agent, informing the parent of an unemancipated minor that she has requested an abortion.

(5) "Abortion" means the use of any means to terminate the pregnancy of an unemancipated minor known to be pregnant except for the purpose of producing a live birth. "Abortion" shall not include the use of any contraceptive drug or device.

(6) "Medical emergency" means a condition which, on the basis of the physician's good-faith clinical judgment, so complicates the medical condition of a pregnant unemancipated minor as to necessitate the immediate abortion of her pregnancy to avert her death or for which a delay will create serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function.

(b) Notwithstanding Article 1, Section 1, or any other provision of this Constitution or law to the contrary, and except as provided in subdivisions (d), (e), or (f) of this Section, a physician shall not perform an abortion on an unemancipated minor until after the physician or the physician's agent has delivered written notice as provided in subdivision (c) of this section, or has received a copy of a waiver of notification from the court as provided in subdivisions (h), (i), or (j). A copy of any notice or waiver shall be retained with

the unemancipated minor's medical records. The physician or the physician's agent shall inform the unemancipated minor that her parent may receive notice as provided for in this section.

(c) The written notice shall be delivered by the physician or the physician's agent to the parent, either personally or by certified mail addressed to the parent at the parent's last known address with return receipt requested and restricted delivery to the addressee. If notice is provided by certified mail, a copy of the written notice shall also be sent at the same time by first class mail to the parent. Notice by mail may be presumed to have been delivered under the provisions of this subdivision at noon of the second day after the written notice sent by certified mail was postmarked, not counting any days on which regular mail delivery does not take place. A form for the notice shall be prescribed by the California Department of Public Health. The notice form shall be bilingual, in English and Spanish, and also available in English and each of the other languages in which California Official Voter Information Guides are published.

(d) Notice of an unemancipated minor's intent to obtain an abortion may be waived by her parent. The waiver must be in writing, on a form prescribed by the California Department of Public Health, signed by a parent, dated, and notarized. The parent shall specify on the form that the waiver is valid for 30 days, or until a specified date, or until the minor's eighteenth birthday. The written waiver need not be notarized if the parent personally delivers it to the physician or the physician's agent. The form shall include the following statement: **"WARNING. It is a crime to knowingly provide false information to a physician or a physician's agent for the purpose of inducing a physician or a physician's agent to believe that a waiver of notice has been provided by a parent or guardian."** The waiver form shall be bilingual, in English and Spanish, and also available in English and each of the other languages in which California Official Voter Information Guides are published. For each abortion performed on an unemancipated minor pursuant to this subdivision, the physician or the physician's agent must receive a separate original written waiver that shall be retained with the unemancipated minor's medical records.

(e) Notice to a parent shall not be required under this Section if the unemancipated minor is the victim of physical or sexual abuse committed by one or both of the minor's parents and the abuse is documented by a signed and notarized statement by (1) a person at least 21 years of age who has personal knowledge of the abuse and who is a grandparent, stepparent, foster parent, sibling of a parent, or sibling or half-sibling of the unemancipated minor, or (2) a law

enforcement officer or agent of a public child protective agency who has investigated the abuse of the unemancipated minor. The physician shall retain the signed and notarized statement with the unemancipated minor's medical records.

(f) Notice shall not be required under this Section if the attending physician certifies in the unemancipated minor's medical records the medical indications supporting the physician's good-faith clinical judgment that the abortion is necessary due to a medical emergency.

(g) Notice shall not be required under this Section if waived pursuant to this subdivision and subdivisions (h) or (i) or (j). If the pregnant unemancipated minor elects not to permit notice to be given to a parent, she may file a petition with the juvenile court. No filing fee shall be required for filing a petition. If, pursuant to this subdivision, an unemancipated minor seeks to file a petition, the court shall assist the minor or person designated by the minor in preparing the documents required pursuant to this Section. The petition shall set forth with specificity the minor's reasons for the request. The unemancipated minor shall appear personally in the proceedings in juvenile court and may appear on her own behalf or with counsel of her own choosing. The court shall, however, advise her that she has a right to court-appointed counsel upon request. The hearing shall be held by 5 p.m. on the second court day after filing the petition unless extended at the written request of the unemancipated minor or her counsel. The unemancipated minor shall be notified of the date, time, and place of the hearing on the petition. Judgment shall be entered within one court day of submission of the matter. The judge shall order a record of the evidence to be maintained, including the judge's written factual findings and legal conclusions supporting the decision. The court shall ensure that the minor's identity be kept confidential and that all court proceedings be sealed.

(h) (1) If the judge finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that the unemancipated minor is both sufficiently mature and well-informed to decide whether to have an abortion, the judge shall authorize a waiver of notice of a parent.

(2) If the judge finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that notice to a parent is not in the best interests of the unemancipated minor, the judge shall authorize a waiver of notice. If the finding that notice to a parent is not in the best interests of the minor is based on evidence of physical or sexual abuse, the court shall ensure that such evidence is brought to the attention of the appropriate law enforcement or public child protective agency.

(3) If the judge does not make a finding specified in subdivision (h)(1) or (h)(2), the judge shall deny the petition.

(i) If the judge fails to rule within the time period specified in subdivision (g) and no extension was requested and granted, the petition shall be deemed granted and the notice requirement shall be waived.

(j) The unemancipated minor may appeal the judgment of the juvenile court at any time after the entry of judgment. The Judicial Council shall prescribe, by rule, the practice and procedure on appeal and the time and manner in which any record on appeal shall be prepared and filed and may prescribe forms for such proceedings. These procedures shall require that the hearing shall be held within three court days of filing the notice of appeal. The unemancipated minor shall be notified of the date, time, and place of the hearing. The appellate court shall ensure that the unemancipated minor's identity be kept confidential and that all court proceedings be sealed. No filing fee shall be required for filing an appeal. Judgment on appeal shall be entered within one court day of submission of the matter.

(k) The Judicial Council shall prescribe, by rule, the practice and procedure for petitions for waiver of parental notification, hearings, and entry of judgment as it deems necessary and may prescribe forms for such proceedings. Each court shall provide annually to the Judicial Council, in a manner to be prescribed by the Judicial Council to ensure confidentiality of the unemancipated minors filing petitions, a report of the number of petitions filed, the number of petitions granted under subdivisions (h)(1) or (h)(2), deemed granted under subdivision (i), denied under subdivision (h)(3), and granted or denied under subdivision (j), said reports to be publicly available unless the Judicial Council determines that the data contained in individual reports should be aggregated by county before being made available to the public in order to preserve the confidentiality of the unemancipated minors filing petitions.

(l) The California Department of Public Health shall prescribe forms for the reporting of abortions performed on unemancipated minors by physicians. The report forms shall not identify the unemancipated minor or her parent(s) by name or request other information by which the unemancipated minor or her parent(s) might be identified. The forms shall include the date of the procedure and the unemancipated minor's month and year of birth, the duration of the pregnancy, the type of abortion procedure, the numbers of the unemancipated minor's previous

abortions and deliveries if known, and the facility where the abortion was performed. The forms shall also indicate whether the abortion was performed pursuant to subdivision (c); or (d); or (e); or (f); or (h), (i), or (j).

(m) The physician who performs an abortion on an unemancipated minor shall within one month file a dated and signed report concerning that abortion with the California Department of Public Health on forms prescribed pursuant to subdivision (l). The identity of the physician shall be kept confidential and shall not be subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act.

(n) No claim shall be paid by the Medi-Cal program or any other program paid for or subsidized by the State of California for any medical services relating to provision of abortion on a minor under the age of 18 at the time of the abortion unless the claim for payment is accompanied by (1) a copy of the report filed with the California Department of Public Health pursuant to subsection (m), or (2) proof that the minor was not unemancipated.

(o) The California Department of Public Health shall compile an annual statistical report from the information specified in subdivision (l). The annual report shall not include the identity of any physician who filed a report as required by subdivision (m). The compilation shall include statistical information on the numbers of abortions by month and by county where performed, the minors' ages, the duration of the pregnancies, the types of abortion procedures, the numbers of prior abortions or deliveries where known, and the numbers of abortions performed pursuant to each of subdivision (c); or (d); or (e); or (f); or (h), (i), or (j). The annual statistical report shall be made available to county public health officials, members of the legislature, the governor, and the public.

(p) Any person who performs an abortion on an unemancipated minor and in so doing knowingly or negligently fails to comply with the provisions of this Section shall be liable for damages in a civil action brought by the unemancipated minor, her legal representative, or by a parent wrongfully denied notification. The time for commencement of the action shall be within four years of the date the minor attains majority or four years of the date a parent wrongfully denied notification discovers or reasonably should have discovered the failure to comply with this Section, whichever period expires later, provided, however, that no action may be commenced more than twelve years after the abortion occurred. A person shall not be liable under this Section if the person establishes by written or documentary evidence that the person relied upon evidence sufficient to convince a careful and prudent person that the representations of the unemancipated minor or other

persons regarding information necessary to comply with this Section were bona fide and true. At any time prior to the rendering of a final judgment in an action brought under this subdivision, the plaintiff may elect to recover, in lieu of actual damages, an award of statutory damages in the amount of \$10,000. In addition to any damages awarded under this subdivision, the plaintiff shall be entitled to an award of reasonable attorney fees. Nothing in this Section shall abrogate, limit, or restrict the common law rights of parents, or any right to relief under any theory of liability that any person or any state or local agency may have under any statute or common law for any injury or damage, including any legal, equitable, or administrative remedy under federal or state law, against any party, with respect to injury to an unemancipated minor from an abortion.

(q) Other than an unemancipated minor who is the patient of a physician, or other than the physician or the physician's agent, any person who knowingly provides false information to a physician or a physician's agent for the purpose of inducing the physician or the physician's agent to believe that pursuant to this Section notice has been or will be delivered to a parent, or that a waiver of notice has been obtained, or that an unemancipated minor is the victim of physical or sexual abuse, or that an unemancipated minor patient is not an unemancipated minor, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000.

(r) Notwithstanding any notice or waivers of notice, except where the particular circumstances of a medical emergency or her own lack of legal mental capacity precludes obtaining her informed consent, a physician shall not perform or induce an abortion upon an unemancipated minor except with the informed consent of the unemancipated minor herself.

(s) Notwithstanding any notice or waivers of notice, an unemancipated minor who is being coerced by any person through force, threat of force, or threatened or actual deprivation of food or shelter to consent to undergo an abortion may apply to the juvenile court for relief. The court shall give the matter expedited consideration and grant such relief as may be necessary to prevent such coercion.

(t) This Section shall not take effect until 90 days after the election in which it is approved. The Judicial Council shall, within these 90 days, prescribe the rules, practices, and procedures and prepare and make available any forms it may prescribe as provided in subdivision (k). The California Department of Public Health shall, within these 90 days, prepare and make available the forms prescribed in subdivisions (c), (d), and (l).

(u) If any one or more provision, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Section or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is found to be unconstitutional or invalid, the same is hereby declared to be severable and the balance of this Section shall remain effective notwithstanding such unconstitutionality or invalidity. Each provision, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Section would have been approved by voters irrespective of the fact that any one or more provision, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or word might be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

(v) Except for the rights, duties, privileges, conditions, and limitations specifically provided for in this Section, nothing in this Section shall be construed to grant, secure, or deny any other rights, duties, privileges, conditions, and limitations relating to abortion or the funding thereof.