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**INITIATIVE COORDINATOR
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**

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ATTN: Initiative Coordinator

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Please find the request for a Title and summary of the attached Initiative, check of required fees in the amount of \$200, and declaration of the proponent. 31 signed signatures from various residents of Los Angeles County. If you have questions or would like additional information please call me at 9(310) 764-5156. I can also be reached via e-mail at Zanorashe@aol.com

Best regards,

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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 purposes and points of the proposed measure:**

Amend Article XI, Sections 1 and 4, of the California Constitution to provide term limits for the Office of the County Assessor, County District Attorney and County Sheriff.

To the Honorable Secretary of State of California

We, the undersigned, registered, qualified voters of California, residents of Los Angeles County, hereby propose amendments to the Constitution of California Article XI Local Government 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 amendments read as follows:

SEC. 1. (a) The State is divided into counties which are legal subdivisions of the State. The Legislature shall prescribe uniform procedure for county formation, consolidation, and boundary change. Formation or consolidation requires approval by a majority of electors voting on the question in each affected county. A boundary change requires approval by the governing body of each affected county. No county seat shall be removed unless two-thirds of the qualified electors of the county, voting on the proposition at a general election, shall vote in favor of such removal. A proposition of removal shall not be submitted in the same county more than once in four years.

(b) The Legislature shall provide for county powers, an elected county sheriff, an elected district attorney, an elected assessor, and an elected governing body in each county. An Assessor, District Attorney and Sheriff elected office shall be limited to three (3) four year terms of said office for the natural life of a particular person. Except as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 4 of this article, each governing body shall prescribe by ordinance the compensation of its members, but the ordinance prescribing such compensation shall be subject to referendum. This section also allows that the Legislature or the governing body may provide for other officers whose compensation shall be prescribed by the governing body. The governing body shall provide for the number, compensation, tenure, and appointment of employees.

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SEC. 4. County charters shall provide for:

- (a) A governing body of 5 or more members, elected (1) by district or, (2) at large, or (3) at large, with a requirement that they reside in a district. Charter counties are subject to statutes that relate to apportioning population of governing body districts.
- (b) The compensation, terms, and removal of members of the governing body. If a county charter provides for the Legislature to prescribe the salary of the governing body, such compensation shall be prescribed by the governing body by ordinance.
- (c) An elected sheriff, an elected district attorney, an elected assessor, other officers, their election or appointment, compensation, terms and removal. The office of Assessor, District Attorney and Sheriff shall be elected for a four year term. the assessor, district attorney and sheriff shall serve up to three consecutive four year terms commencing after December, 2014. The limit does not include unexpired terms that are less than half of the term.
- (d) The performance of functions required by statute.
- (e) The powers and duties of governing bodies and all other county officers, and for consolidation and segregation of county officers, and for the manner of filling all vacancies occurring therein.
- (f) The fixing and regulation by governing bodies, by ordinance, of the appointment and number of assistants, deputies, clerks, attaches, and other persons to be employed, and for the prescribing and regulating by such bodies of the powers, duties, qualifications, and compensation of such persons, the times at which, and terms for which they shall be appointed, and the manner of their appointment and removal.
- (g) Whenever any county has framed and adopted a charter, and the same shall have been approved by the Legislature as herein provided, the general laws adopted by the Legislature in pursuance of Section 1
- (b) of this article, shall, as to such county, be superseded by said charter as to matters for which, under this section it is competent to make provision in such charter, and for which provision is made therein, except as herein otherwise expressly provided.
- (h) Charter counties shall have all the powers that are provided by this Constitution or by statute for counties.