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INITIATIVE COORDINATOR
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Re: Request for Title and Summary for Proposed Initiative

Pursuant to Article II, Section 10(d) of the California Constitution, this letter respectfully requests that the Attorney General prepare a circulating title and summary of the enclosed proposed statewide initiative: "The Chief of Protocol for California's International Relations Act."

Also enclosed are the required signed statements pursuant to California Elections Code sections 9001 and 9608, and a check in the amount of \$200.

Please direct all inquiries and correspondence regarding this proposed initiative to:

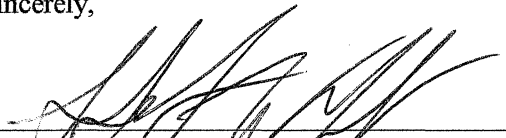
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Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

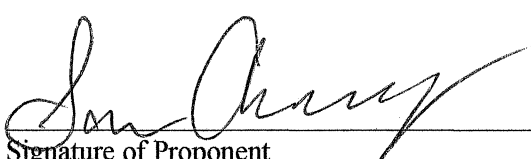
Sincerely,



Signature of Proponent
Stuart Webb

Printed Name
7/22/15

Date



Signature of Proponent
Sam Chaney

Printed Name
7/22/15

Date

THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL FOR CALIFORNIA'S INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ACT

SECTION 1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

(a) The People of California hereby add Chapter 3 to Title 20 of the Government Code relating to International Relations, creating the office of the Chief of Protocol as an advisor to the Governor:

CHAPTER 3. Office of the Chief of Protocol

SECTION 1. Creation of the Chief of Protocol

99530. There is established in state government the Office of the Chief of Protocol, an office within the California Secretary of State's Office.

99531. The Chief of Protocol shall be an officer appointed by, and serve at the discretion of, the California Secretary of State.

SECTION 2. Purpose and Responsibilities of the Chief of Protocol

99540. The Office of the Chief of Protocol shall exist to advance the foreign policy goals of California by creating an environment for successful diplomacy. The Chief of Protocol shall advise the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and the Secretary of State on matters of national and international diplomatic protocol.

99541. The Office of the Chief of Protocol shall (1) Plan and execute detailed programs for foreign leaders visiting the Governor, and accompany them during their official travel in California, including their visit with the Governor at the State Capitol; (2) Accompany the Governor on all official visits abroad; (3) Make arrangements for and accompany delegations named by the Governor to represent him at inaugurations, funerals, weddings, celebrations, and similar ceremonies abroad; (4) Certify and pay the expenses of the foregoing and other diplomatic activities authorized by the Legislature; (5) Act as the Governor's personal representative and liaison to the Chiefs of Protocol in Washington, and represent the Government of California at diplomatic events; (6) Organize signing ceremonies with foreign dignitaries; (7) Plan and execute the Governor's official visits to the United Nations General Assembly; (8) Suggest official gifts to be given by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Secretary of State and their spouses, and select, purchase, deliver, and maintain records of gifts for annual report to the Legislature; (9) Coordinate arrangements for foreign press accompanying visiting dignitaries; and (10) Help new diplomatic missions set up their embassies in California as well as California embassies and trade missions abroad.

SECTION 3. Application of Duty

99550. For the purpose of fulfilling the responsibilities detailed in Section 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Government Code, the Government of California hereby recognizes each of the 193 members of the United Nations, and shall afford them the full extent of diplomatic protocol to which they are entitled, via the Office of the Chief of Protocol.

99551. For the purposes of fulfilling the responsibilities detailed in Section 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Government Code, the Government of California hereby additionally recognizes the Republic of Texas, and the Kingdom of Hawaii as nations, and shall afford to them the full extent of diplomatic protocol to which they are entitled, via the Office of the Chief of Protocol.



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

CHIEF OF PROTOCOL OF CALIFORNIA. INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY.

INITIATIVE STATUTE. Establishes new Office of the Chief of Protocol to advance the foreign policy goals of California. Requires the Secretary of State to appoint a Chief of Protocol who would advise the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Secretary of State on matters of national and international diplomatic protocol. Requires the Chief of Protocol to handle certain official diplomatic activities, including planning programs for certain visiting foreign leaders; accompanying the Governor on official visits abroad; representing the Governor at certain diplomatic events; and helping to establish embassies in California and abroad. Requires California to extend diplomatic recognition to member states of the United Nations. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: **Unknown increase in state costs due to the considerable uncertainties surrounding implementation of this measure.** (15-0046.)