



CERTIFICATE OF INSUFFICIENCY OF INITIATIVE PETITION

I, Jannette Goodall, City Clerk of the City of Austin, Texas, hereby certify that:

An initiative petition proposing an ordinance "Petition to Save Austin Now By Restoring Safety and Sanity to our City Streets by amending City Code Section 9-4-11 relating to prohibiting camping in public areas, Section 9-4-13 relating to prohibiting solicitation, and Section 9-4-14 relating to prohibiting sitting or lying down on public sidewalks or sleeping outdoors in the downtown Austin Community Court area; and creating offenses" was filed with the City Clerk on July 20, 2020.

At the time of filing, the petition was comprised of 11,198 pages containing 24,598 signatures. The City Clerk received requests from 60 signers requesting their names be withdrawn from the petition and a list from Save Austin Now containing an additional 85 names that they had received to have their names withdrawn prior to filing the petition. The City Clerk located 96 of the 145 signatures and those signatures were marked as withdrawn and not counted in the total number of signatures submitted.

Upon review of the petition, it was discovered that the petition contained two versions of the language being proposed in the ordinance. A small number of pages had different wording than the main petition, and therefore, 93 pages with the alternate wording and containing 397 signatures were removed from the submitted pages and not included in the number of submitted signatures, the random sample, nor verified. Upon removal of those pages, the petition comprised of 11,105 pages containing 24,201 signatures. In accordance with the City of Austin Charter and state law, the number of signatures required for a sufficient initiative petition is 5% of the qualified voters of the city or 20,000, whichever number is the smaller.

Based on verification against the voter registration rolls obtained from Travis County, Hays County and Williamson County, I have determined the following facts regarding this petition:

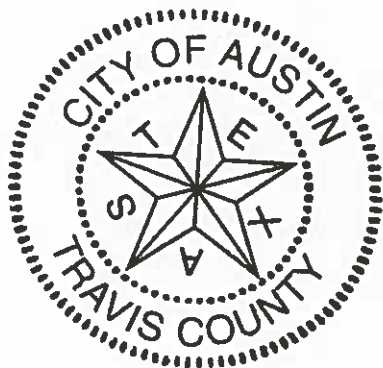
The raw-count number of signatures filed with the petition was 24,201. The required number of signatures is 20,000. The Texas Election Code authorizes the use of random sampling to verify petitions of large size, and the City has used the same random sampling method since 2002. Under that method, and in accordance with law, 25% of the total number of submitted signatures on this petition were verified, which equates to a sample size of 6,051.


Based on the analysis of the random sample results, it has been determined that the petition does not meet the requirement for the minimum number of signatures of valid voters, based on the required minimum of 20,000. Of the 6,051 submitted sample lines checked under the sampling method, 1,147 of the sample lines were disqualified on account of being duplicate signatures of registered voters who signed more than once (41), or for other reasons (1,106). The remaining 4,904 sample lines were validated as bearing signatures of qualified voters.

Furthermore, using the random sample, the City estimates that there are 19,122 valid signatures on the Camping petition. The City is 95% confident that the true number of valid signatures on the entire petition exceeds 18,887 and is also 95% confident that the true number is less than 19,356. The probability that checking all 24,201 submitted signatures would find a total of at least 20,000 valid signatures is less than 3 in one billion. Therefore, the confidence is nearly 100% that the petition contains fewer than 20,000 valid signatures.

Based on the above, the petition is determined to be insufficient, please see the attached report on the statistical analysis.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Austin on this the 5th of August 2020.




Jannette Goodall, City Clerk
City of Austin, Texas