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Re: Request for Title and Summary for Initiative Constitutional Amendment – “The California Election Integrity Initiative”

To whom it may concern:

Pursuant to Elections Code 9001(a), I hereby request that the Attorney General prepare a circulating title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the following proposed initiative measure. Enclosed please find a check for \$2000 for the fee required to initiate this process.

Any correspondence regarding this initiative should be directed to Reform California, Attention Carl DeMaio at PO Box 27227 San Diego CA 92198 (telephone: 619-786-8019) – email carl@carldemaio.com

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

Carl DeMaio

Proponent of Enclosed Initiative

I, Carl DeMaio, declare under penalty of perjury that I am a citizen of the United States, 18 years of age or older, and a resident of San Diego county, California. (Elec. Code, § 9001.) I, Carl DeMaio, acknowledge that it is a misdemeanor under state law (Section 18650 of the Elections Code) to knowingly or willfully allow the signatures on an initiative petition to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the proposed measure for the ballot. I certify that I will not knowingly or willfully allow the signatures for this initiative to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the measure for the ballot.

(Signature of Proponent)

Dated this 15th Day of August, 2023

Section 1. Title.

This Act shall be known, and may be cited as, the **California Election Integrity Initiative**.

Section 2. Findings & Declarations.

- a) Too many Californians have little confidence in the integrity of our elections because our voter registration rolls are not adequately maintained, officials have distributed a significant number of vote-by-mail ballots in error, and current policies do not provide for proper verification of an individual's identity and eligibility to vote in an election;
- b) Each county should be held accountable for maintaining accurate voter registration lists and maximizing access to in-person voting opportunities;
- c) Therefore, the people hereby amend the Constitution to restore the confidence that voters should have in the integrity of how our elections are conducted;

Section 3. Section 21 is added to Article II of the California Constitution as follows:

Section 21.

- (a) For each election an individual may vote in that election only if the individual is a qualified elector and:
 - 1. For in-person voting, the individual presents a valid and current Driver's License or other government-issued identification card, or
 - 2. For voting-by-mail, the individual provides a signature that matches the signature on-file with their voter registration – and the individual provides the last 3 digits of a valid and current Driver's License or provides other government-issued proof of their identity.

Any individual who does not provide verification of their identity and eligibility to vote as defined in this section shall be given until two days prior to certification of that election to provide identity verification in order for their ballot to be counted.

- (b) Consistent with federal law, each county shall have the duty and authority to maintain an accurate list of individuals registered to vote and shall implement a process to verify that each individual on their list is a qualified elector. If a county obtains information that suggests an individual no longer resides at the address given on their voter registration on file, no vote-by-mail ballot shall be automatically mailed to that individual unless the voter verifies their address or specifically requests a vote-by-mail ballot for a given election.
- (c) Each county shall complete an evaluation of wait-times for voting in person in each election and report the results publicly along with actions it will take, consistent with federal law, to address any unreasonably long wait times identified in any polling location or voting center.
- (d) All state and local government officials shall assist with and facilitate compliance with this section. A citizen may seek judicial review of the state or any county's performance in ensuring compliance with these requirements and a court may require the state or any county to take actions to improve full compliance with this section.