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**RE: letter transmittal - three initiatives**

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**From** Shumway, Lena <LShumway@newportbeachca.gov>

**Date** Wed 7/22/2026 3:04 PM

**To** Mailhot, Julianna <Julianna.Mailhot@ocvote.gov>

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Hi Juliana,

On July 7, we accepted the boxes and reviewed the proponents' transmittal letter, forms, and supporting paperwork that were submitted. We did not conduct a count or estimate of the signatures because we believed it was unnecessary unless and until the court determined that the petitions should proceed, as I had rejected the petitions on the basis that the proponents failed to comply with the publication requirements of the Elections Code.

That Friday, the judge ordered the City to transmit the initiative petitions to the Orange County Registrar of Voters that same day for signature verification.

Lena



**Lena Shumway**

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**Sent:** July 22, 2026 2:04 PM

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**Subject:** Re: letter transmittal - three initiatives

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Hi Lena,

Can you confirm the date you completed your prima facie review? Was it July 7th?

Julianna Mailhot | Candidate and Voter Services Manager | Orange County Registrar of Voters

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**From:** Shumway, Lena <[LShumway@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:LShumway@newportbeachca.gov)>

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Julianna,

Thank you for clarifying the Elections Code section. Attached is the revised letter. Since this is a Charter amendment, the proponents are required to obtain signatures equal to 15% of the total registered voters in order to qualify the measure for the ballot.

Best regards,



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Hi Lena,

The Registrar is requesting the letter be revised to reflect the required number of signatures based on the Report of Registration from April 3, 2026, which I have attached.

*Elections Code section 9210 states that the required number of valid voter signatures is based on the number of registered voters in the City in the ROR immediately preceding the publication of the notice of intention to circulate the petitions.*

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Julianna,

Attached is the transmittal letter regarding three initiatives that were delivered on Friday. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Best regards,



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