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Hi Steve

Good morning. Paul Hastings is legal counsel to a community group here in Newport Beach.

This morning the City published a copy of an e-mail from you, where the topic of signature access is discussed. Signature access and verification are ministerial procedures.

Based on your e-mail, it is unclear whether you have the full background here. For months, the City Council has refused to comply with the Elections Code, e.g., refusing to provide a title and summary, refusing to count more than 30,000 signatures and so on. There are many orders against the City. As but a few examples, an order from this week is attached, along with another from last month where the Court described the pattern and practice of the City as “obstructionism.”

We suspect you have your hands full with election season, but please let us know if you can spare a few minutes today for a call, as we will be responding in writing to the City’s public statement, and use of your e-mail.

You can reach me on my mobile [REDACTED] or please let me know a good number to reach you.

Thanks again and look forward to connecting.

Navi Dhillon | Partner
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