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Re: Halt to West Covina Administered Health Department Notice of Intent to Circulate Initiative


Dear Ms. Sherrick,

Please see the attached notice of intent to circulate an initiative we are filing with the City of West Covina. Included here is the written text of the initiative and a request that the Ballot Title and Summary be prepared by the City Attorney. Below are the signatures of three of three city voters and proponents for this measure. If you have any questions or concerns about this notice and initiative, please contact Daniel Luna at [REDACTED] Thank you.

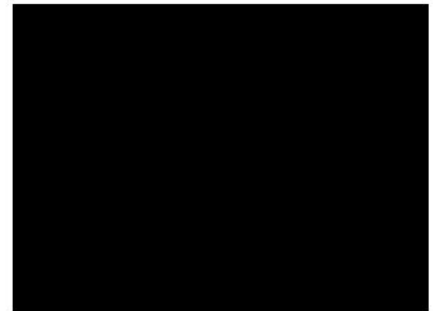
Proponents


Peggy Martinez


Daniel Luna


~~Peter Dion~~
Gabriel Padua-
Rodriguez

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Halt to City of West Covina Administered Public Health Department

To the Honorable City Council of The City of West Covina: We, the undersigned registered voters of The City of West Covina, California, by this petition hereby respectfully propose the following legislative act be adopted by the City Council or submitted to the registered voters of The City of West Covina for their adoption or rejection:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST COVINA TO HALT THE CITY
ADMINSTERED PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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WHEREAS, the City of West Covina already contributes to Los Angeles County expenses, including those related to the County Health Department through property taxes which currently provide public health department and officer duties.

WHEREAS, the City of West Covina City Council recently passed ordinances and resolutions regarding the termination of agreements with the County of Los Angeles regarding health officer and public health duties.

WHEREAS, the City of West Covina City Council passed ordinances and resolutions regarding the creation of a local health department and hiring of a local health officer.

WHEREAS, the City of West Covina already has significant general fund expenditures in the funding of police, fire, employee pensions and other municipal services and the California State Auditor concluded in December 2020 “that West Covina is a high risk city because of the significant risks it faces related to its financial and operational management.”

WHEREAS, the City of West Covina has spent city staff time resources to prepare the above-mentioned ordinances and will incur significant additional expenses to implement its own local health department with city staff or through personal service contracts.

WHEREAS, the City of West Covina is unlikely to recoup any property tax monies already paid to the county in order to recoup funding for city administered public health effort.

WHEREAS, West Covina voters and residents were not surveyed or consulted regarding the City of West Covina establishing its own public health effort.

NOW THEREFORE, the People of the City of West Covina does ordain as follows:

Section 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as the City of West Covina Halt to City Administered Public Health Department Ordinance. This ordinance would rescind all prior City Council ordinances and resolutions regarding discontinuing public health services with the County of Los Angeles and the establishing of a city administered local public health department or effort.

Section 2. OPERATIVE DATE. “Operative Date” will be 30 days after the adoption of this ordinance.

Section 3. PURPOSE. This ordinance is adopted to rescind any and all efforts taken to have West Covina establish its own public health department in order to preserve and enhance general municipal services with all available funds including any additional Federal or State monies issued to the City and to prevent city residents from paying any additional expenses for health department services that are already being provided by the County, including, but not limited to, among other purposes, and directs that the provisions hereof be interpreted to accomplish those purposes:

A. That all prior City resolutions and ordinances regarding the termination of Los Angeles County Health Officer Services and establishing of a local health department be rescinded by the operative date specified in this ordinance above. Specifically this would include but not be limited to the following resolutions and ordinances:

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-15 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA, TERMINATING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER'S SERVICES RELATING TO ORDERS AND QUARANTINE REGULATIONS PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, OTHER REGULATIONS ISSUED UNDER THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE AND STATUTES RELATING TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH
- b. URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2476 - AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA, TERMINATING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER'S SERVICES RELATING TO ORDERS AND QUARANTINE REGULATIONS PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, OTHER REGULATIONS ISSUED UNDER THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE AND STATUTES RELATING TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH
- c. ORDINANCE NO. 2478 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2-236 (EXEMPT POSITIONS) OF DIVISION 3 (PERSONNEL SYSTEM) OF ARTICLE V (EMPLOYEES) OF CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE WEST COVINA MUNICIPAL CODE
- d. ORDINANCE NO. 2479 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING AND REPLACING ARTICLE II (HEALTH CODE) OF CHAPTER 13 (HEALTH AND SANITATION) OF THE WEST COVINA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE DIVISION 1 (PUBLIC HEALTH) OF TITLE 11 (HEALTH AND SAFETY), INCLUDING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS APPENDED THERETO, AND DIVISION 1 (PUBLIC HEALTH LICENSES) OF TITLE 8 (CONSUMER PROTECTION, BUSINESS AND WAGE REGULATIONS) OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE
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- g. ORDINANCE NO. 2484 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING AND REPLACING ARTICLE I (IN GENERAL) OF CHAPTER 13 (HEALTH AND SANITATION) OF THE WEST COVINA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH A PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
- h. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-34 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE WEST COVINA HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Section 4. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the People of the City of West Covina, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Mayor

Attest: _____

City Clerk