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CERTIFIED RESULTS OF REFERENDUM AGAINST ORDINANCE NO. 188610 (INCREASING WAGES AND HEALTHCARE BENEFITS FOR HOTEL AND AIRPORT WORKERS AND HOTEL WORKER TRAINING)

LOS ANGELES (**September 8, 2025**) — Los Angeles Interim City Clerk Petty Santos announced that the Referendum Petition Against Ordinance No. 188610 (Hotel and Airport Worker Benefits), does not contain the number of valid voter signatures required under the City Charter, and therefore the referendum petition has been certified **insufficient**. Under Charter Section 461, the Ordinance shall take effect upon the date of the Certificate of Insufficiency, which is September 8, 2025.

Proponents filed a referendum petition against Ordinance No. 188610 on June 27, 2025. The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (County) was responsible for examining the signatures on the referendum petition.

Under the Charter, proponents of the referendum petition were required to collect a minimum of 92,998 valid voter signatures. Based on the County's examination, 84,007 signatures were found to be valid and 56,767 were found to be invalid. Therefore, the petition has failed to meet the sufficiency requirements of the City Charter.

A summary of the results of the County's examination of the petition is included in the attached Petition Statistics Report. The Office of the City Clerk issued the Certificate of Insufficiency on September 8, 2025.

Under the City Charter, Ordinance No. 188610 had been suspended and did not take effect while the referendum petition was being reviewed. That review is now complete and the referendum petition has been certified insufficient. Under City Charter Section 461(c), Ordinance No. 188610 is effective as of the date of the certificate of insufficiency, which is September 8, 2025.

For additional information, contact the Office of the City Clerk-Election Division between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at (213) 978-0444, or toll-free at (888) 873-1000, or visit the City Clerk's Election website at: <https://clerk.lacity.gov/elections>.

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Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

September 5, 2025

**Jinny Pak, Division Manager
City of Los Angeles, Office of the City Clerk, Election and BIDS Division
555 Ramirez Street, Space 300
Los Angeles, California 90012**

Dear Jinny Pak:

We have completed the signature verification submitted on July 9, 2025, for A Referendum Petition Seeking to Overturn Ordinance 188610 Increasing Wages and Healthcare Benefits for Hotel and Airport Workers and Hotel Worker Training.

The results of the signature verification are as follows:

Number of signatures filed	140,774
Number of signatures verified	140,774
Number of signatures found sufficient	84,007
Number of signatures found not sufficient	56,767
Not sufficient because duplicate	2,339
Number of signature withdrawal requests	117,607
Number of signatures withdrawn	17,082

Please call Tiffany Olsen, Head, Data Entry and Signature Verification at (562) 462-2376 if you have any questions regarding the signature verification of this petition.

Jerome Jordan for
DEAN C. LOGAN
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
County of Los Angeles

Petition Statistics

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LA CITY REF SEEKING TO OVERTURN
ORD INCREASING WAGES ORD 188610

Petition ID:19639

Total Sigs Required	0
Total Sigs Submitted	140,774
Total Sample Size	140,774
Total Sigs Verified	140,774

		TOTAL CHALLENGED
OCADD	OUT OF COUNTY ADDRESS	
	Total	249
ADD	DIFFERENT ADDRESS	
	Total	6,898
AEV	INFO ENTERED BY CIRCULATOR	
	Total	5
AGE	UNDERAGE AT SIGNING	
	Total	18
CAN	CANCELED	
	Total	1,933
FP	FATAL PENDING	
	Total	695
MADD	PO BOX/MAILING ADDRESS	
	Total	164
MAX	MAX NUMBER OF TIMES SIGNED	
	Total	2,339
MS	MISCELLANEOUS	
	Total	76
MS2	PRINTED SIGNATURE	
	Total	211
MSPET	MISSING SIG ON PETITION	
	Total	135
NADD	NO ADDRESS	
	Total	28
NR	NOT REGISTERED	
	Total	18,054
OD	OUT OF DISTRICT	
	Total	4,342
RD	INVALID REGISTRATION DATE	
	Total	1,625
SIG	MISMATCH SIGNATURE	
	Total	2,913
WD	WITHDRAWN SIGNATURES	
	Total	17,082
TOTAL		56,767

TOTAL VALID : 84,007