ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF THE INITIATIVE

The undersigned proponent (s) author (s) of the initiative are in favor of the ballot proposition - Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday for City of Hanford employees. The measure will be on the November 7, 2006 general election. The proponent (s), author (s), hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

We the undersigned, registered and qualified voters of the City of Hanford, County of Kings, State of California, hereby propose that all employees of the City of Hanford, with the exclusion of appropriate and essential emergency personnel, be required to recognize January 17, of each year, as a non-work paid holiday, the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and petition the Clerk of the City of Hanford, to submit the same to the voters of the City of Hanford for their adoption or rejection at the next succeeding general election, or as otherwise provided by Law.

The City of Hanford should honor a great civil rights hero for the work he accomplished not only for his people but for all humanity and the American way of life.

All governmental agencies near Hanford, including the County of Kings, City of Lemoore, City of Corcoran, City of Visalia, have provided their employees with a day to honor Martin Luther King Jr.

The governmental executives have continually denied their employees a day to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. and his work.

We demand that the City of Hanford commemorate the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. by designating January 17, as it is throughout the nation, as Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a regular holiday and for each and every succeeding year.

It is, therefore, requested that a ballot title and summary be prepared and that the initiative be placed before the voters of the City of Hanford at the next general election, Nov. 2006.

SIGNED	DATE
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