

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO CIRCULATE INITIATIVE PETITION FOR THE
RICHMOND ELECTION REFORM ACT INITIATIVE**

(Cal. Elect. Code § 9202)

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A statement of the reasons of the proposed action as contemplated in said petition is as follows (up to 500 words):

This initiative seeks to reform the election process in the City of Richmond to improve accountability, governance, and strengthen representation. Currently, a candidate for City Council or Mayor can be elected to office with less than a majority of the vote cast. To represent the will of at least the majority of the voters, City Councilmembers and the Mayor should not be elected to office without receiving a majority of the vote cast for that elective office.

The initiative will add a nonpartisan primary municipal election to the City's election process whereby all qualified voters residing in a City Council district may vote for any one candidate running for that City Council seat and, if no single candidate receives a majority of the vote, the top two candidates in the primary municipal election (receiving the highest and second highest votes) for each City Council seat will subsequently appear on the general municipal election ballot. The initiative will also enable all eligible registered voters residing in the City at large to vote for any one candidate running for Mayor and, if no single candidate receives a majority of the vote, the top two candidates in the primary municipal election (receiving the highest and second highest votes) for the office of Mayor will subsequently appear on the general municipal election ballot.

The addition of a primary municipal election to the City's election process will allow City voters to better scrutinize and select qualified candidates, encourage candidates to be more responsive to the residents of the City, and may increase voter participation. That being said, if any candidate for an elective office at the primary municipal election receives a majority of the total votes cast for that office, that candidate shall be elected to such office and no further election for that office will be held at the subsequent general municipal election. This initiative also provides updates to the procedure for holding vacancy elections in the City.

Don Gosney

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