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INITIATIVE ID NO. PDX 4 SIGNATURE SUBMISSION
FACT SHEET
January 17, 2006

Chief Petitioner David Chown submitted 40,988 signatures for Petition ID No. PDX 4, "Repeals City of Portland publicly funded campaign system; prohibits expenditures." The petition is sponsored by Chief Petitioners Mark A. Long, David Chown and Eva Kripalani and is intended for the May 16, 2006 Primary Election Ballot.

City Code sets the signature requirement for initiative petitions at 9 percent of the number of electors registered in the city on the date of the primary municipal election immediately preceding the date the prospective petition is filed. Until May 2006, this number is 26,691 (9% of City voters registered as of the May 2004 election).

The Auditor has 30 days to verify the signatures (February 16, 2006). If enough valid signatures are verified, the Auditor will certify the measure to Multnomah County for the May Ballot. The Auditor will also file the initiative with City Council. Per City Code Section 2.04.100, City Council may choose to adopt an ordinance which codifies the initiative measure. Such an ordinance would void the initiative petition. Council may also choose to refer a competing measure to the voters no later than the 30th day after signatures were submitted to the Auditor.

The complete text of the ballot measure and charter language are available on the web: http://www.portlandonline.com/auditor/index.cfm?&a=74174&c=37587.

Chief Petitioners are required to submit complete campaign finance reports 15 days after they submit signatures (February 1, 2006). The Auditor will post these reports to the website.

Questions about the initiative and election process in general should be sent to Susan Francois, City Elections Officer 503-823-3546, sfrancois@ci.portland.or.us.