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2006

PETITION TO REFER ORDINANCE NO. 179406
FACT SHEET
July 12, 2005

City Council passed Ordinance No. 179406 on July 6, 2005. The title of this Ordinance states: "Authorize revenue bonds to finance acquisition of electric system property." This Ordinance is a non-emergency and as such goes into effect 30 days after passage (August 5, 2005).

Kurt T. Weber and Francis Dane, Chief Petitioners for Ask the Voters First, filed a prospective petition to refer this ordinance to the voters at the next available election date with the City Auditor's Office Tuesday afternoon, July 12, 2005.

The Auditor's Office will submit the petition to the City Attorney for preparation of the ballot title and has approved the signature sheets for circulation. City Code provides that due to the tight timeline referendum petitions may be circulated prior to preparation of the ballot title.

The Chief Petitioners have until Friday, August 5, 2005 to turn in the required number of signatures. City Code sets the signature requirement for referendum petitions at 6 percent of the number of electors registered in the city on the date of the preceding primary election date. Until May 2006, this number is 17,794 (6% of the 296,565 City voters registered as of the May 18, 2004 primary).

Once signatures are filed, the Auditor will have 30 days to verify the signatures. If enough valid signatures are verified, the Auditor will submit the referendum to City Council for discussion, adoption or rejection. If Council repeals the ordinance being referred, the petition will be void and not appear on the ballot. If Council does not repeal the ordinance, it will appear on the May 16, 2006 ballot unless City Council chooses to call for a special election.

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REFERENDUM PETITION TIMELINE

July 6, 2005	Council passed Ordinance No. 179406
July 12, 2005	Prospective Petition filed Signature Sheets approved for circulation
July 13, 2005	Auditor submits petition to City Attorney for preparation of ballot title
August 5, 2005	Signatures due