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BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

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FRIDAY

OCTOBER 24, 2014

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The Special Board Meeting of the District of Columbia Board of Elections convened in Room 280 North, 441 4th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20001, pursuant to notice at 2:50 p.m., Deborah K. Nichols, Chairman, presiding.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEMBERS PRESENT:

DEBORAH K. NICHOLS, Chairman  
DEVARIESTE CURRY, Member  
STEPHEN I. DANZANSKY, Member

BOARD OF ELECTIONS STAFF PRESENT:

CLIFFORD D. TATUM, Executive Director  
KENNETH MCGHIE, General Counsel  
KAREN BROOKS, Registrar of Voters

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2:50 p.m.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Good afternoon. I hereby call to order the Special Meeting of the Board of Elections. It is Friday, October 24th, 2014 and the time is 2:50 p.m. We are meeting in Room 280 North of One Judiciary Square.

I'm Deborah K. Nichols, Chairman of the Board. Accompanying me this afternoon on the dais are Board Members Stephen Danzansky and Devarieste Curry. Also present are Mr. Kenneth McGhie, the Board's General Counsel and Mr. Clifford Tatum, the Board's Executive Director.

So, we are here this afternoon to approve the petition form for Initiative 74, No Worker Shall Make Less than the Minimum Wage Act of 2016.

Without objection, the agenda for today's meeting is hereby adopted.

I will now turn the meeting over

1 to Mr. McGhie, our General Counsel, to present  
2 today's agenda item.

3 MR. MCGHIE: Okay. We're here for  
4 approval of the initial petition form. As  
5 everyone is aware, the Board formulated a  
6 short title and summary statement. It was  
7 published in the D.C. Register for a ten-day  
8 challenge period. It was not challenged at  
9 all during that ten-day period.

10 So, the short title and summary  
11 statement is deemed to be approved by the  
12 Board and we're here now today for the  
13 proposal of the initiative measure or its  
14 representative to formally adopt the petition  
15 and so, that it can begin circulating for the  
16 180-day period.

17 The Board has prepared an original  
18 petition form and you've been given a copy of  
19 it.

20 MR. BERKON: Yes, we have. Yes,  
21 try to get something to confirm the address.  
22 Have not heard back. Yes, we're just seeking

1 confirmation on the contact information, but  
2 assuming that's correct.

3 MR. NUDELMAN: Everything else is  
4 correct.

5 CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay. So, you do  
6 approve the petition form and adopt it as your  
7 own?

8 MR. NUDELMAN: Yes.

9 CHAIR NICHOLS: All right. Do any  
10 members of the Board have any questions or  
11 comments? We have no one -- I will entertain  
12 a motion from a Member of the Board that the  
13 Board approve or disapprove -- approve the  
14 petition form adopted by the proponent of the  
15 Initiative Measure Number 74.

16 MEMBER DANZANSKY: Yes, Madam  
17 Chair, I move that the Board approve the  
18 petition form adopted by the proponent and  
19 this Initiative Measure Number 74.

20 CHAIR NICHOLS: Second?

21 MEMBER CURRY: Second.

22 CHAIR NICHOLS: All right. All in

1 favor aye.

2 (Ayes.)

3 CHAIR NICHOLS: All opposed? The  
4 ayes have it. Motion carried. Mr. General  
5 Counsel.

6 MR. MCGHIE: Okay. The Register  
7 of Voters has prepare a -- like a proof of  
8 their calculation on the approximate  
9 signatures that will be needed for -- to have  
10 this places on the ballot and she is prepared  
11 to give you a statement now.

12 CHAIR NICHOLS: Madam Register of  
13 Voters, will you read your calculations into  
14 the record and outline the remainder of the  
15 initiative process for the proponents?

16 MS. BROOKS: Okay. As you are  
17 aware, petitions made in support of Initiative  
18 Measure Number 74, No Worker Shall Make Less  
19 Than The Minimum Wage Act of 2016 must contain  
20 the signature of 5 percent of voters  
21 registered in the District of Columbia  
22 provided that this total includes 5 percent of

1 the registered voters in 5 or more wards.

2 Pursuant to D.C. Official Code  
3 Section 120 -- 1204.102, this number is based  
4 on the latest official count of registered  
5 voters by the Board of Elections which was  
6 issued 30 or more days prior to submission of  
7 the signatures.

8 While signature requirement cannot  
9 yet be determined, I have calculated the  
10 information for the proponent and opponent  
11 what the signature requirement would be if the  
12 most recent voter registration figures  
13 published by the Board were used. The chart  
14 is indicated here.

15 Proponents and opponents are  
16 advised to check with the Board on a monthly  
17 basis as new statistics are issued to get up-  
18 to-date estimates of the signature  
19 requirement. The 100-day period for  
20 circulating a petition pursuant to D.C.  
21 Official Code Section 11001.16J1 expires on  
22 Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

1                   On the petition, we give you  
2 single copies.

3                   MR. NUDELMAN: Um-hum.

4                   MS. BROOKS: So, you will need to  
5 make your own copies and make it two-sided.

6                   MR. NUDELMAN: Okay.

7                   MS. BROOKS: Okay. And I don't  
8 think there's anything else we need to provide  
9 and the address on here is what's on your --  
10 the forms you provided to the --

11                   MR. NUDELMAN: Um-hum. If they  
12 confirm it.

13                   MS. BROOKS: Yes. Okay.

14                   MR. NUDELMAN: That's correct.  
15 Great. So, when you say make it double-sided,  
16 the page should remain --

17                   MS. BROOKS: Yes, it --

18                   MR. NUDELMAN: -- single sided.

19                   MS. BROOKS: Well, I can show you  
20 how.

21                   MR. NUDELMAN: Okay.

22                   MS. BROOKS: Okay. All right.



1 CHAIR NICHOLS: Just for the  
2 record, Ms. Brooks, I thought I heard you say  
3 the 100-day period. You meant the 180-day --

4 MS. BROOKS: One eighty. Yes, I  
5 meant the 180-day period. Yes.

6 CHAIR NICHOLS: Yes. Just for the  
7 record.

8 MS. BROOKS: Yes, 180 days.

9 CHAIR NICHOLS: All right. Okay.

10 MS. BROOKS: I'm sorry.

11 CHAIR NICHOLS: Any other  
12 questions? Comments?

13 There being no further business  
14 before us, this meeting is adjourned. The  
15 time is 2:56. It is still Friday, October  
16 24th, 2014.

17 (Whereupon, the above-entitled  
18 matter went off the record at 2:56 p.m.)

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