NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF EMERGENCY ELECTION RULES

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Article VI of Chapter 2 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code (D.R.M.C.), that the Denver Clerk and Recorder, has adopted Emergency Rules (the "Emergency Rules") amending existing election rules to ensure the uniform and proper administration and enforcement of the city's election laws.

In accordance with the language in D.R.M.C. §15-11(e)(5) regarding the submission of written comments for an initiative measure and for a measure referred by the city council to be included in the ballot information booklet described in section 15-11(e), the Emergency Rules clarify the procedures for submission of written comments for a measure submitted to ballot by citizen referendum petition as follows:

1) The clerk and recorder shall accept written comments for and against each measure referred by citizen referendum petition no later than fifty (50) days before the election. The petitioner's committee shall be solely responsible for submitting written comments in favor of the measure. The clerk and recorder may only accept opposition comments from registered electors of the City and County of Denver and the clerk and recorder may summarize all opposition comments; and

2) The ballot information booklet shall include the following explanation: “The ballot title below was drafted by the proponents of the referendum for ballot purposes only. The ballot title will not appear in the Denver Revised Municipal Code. The referred measure is included on the ballot as a proposed repeal of an ordinance currently in the Denver Revised Municipal Code because the proponents gathered the required amount of petition signatures.”

Temporary adoption is necessary both to comply with law and preserve the public welfare generally. The Emergency Rules shall continue in effect for no more than one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of adoption. The Emergency Rule is adopted under the authority of 8.1.2(c) of the Denver Charter and in accordance with Article VI of Chapter 2 of the D.R.M.C. The complete text of this rule will be available online at the Denver Elections Division website (www.DenverVotes.org), and in printed form at the Denver Elections Division, 200 W. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80204 and on file at the Office of the Clerk and Recorder, 201 W. Colfax Ave., Dept.101, Denver, CO 80202.

Hon. Paul D. López
Clerk and Recorder

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ELECTION RULES

Rule 14.1 Applicability. The municipal ballot information booklet applies to each municipal initiated petition ordinance, ordinance referred for referendum by petition, and referred ordinance, submitted by the City Council under Denver Charter §3.3.6 for a vote of the people, that is not subject to the provisions of section 20 of article X of the state constitution. In accordance with the language in D.R.M.C. §15-11(c)(5) regarding the submission of written comments for a municipal initiative measure and for a measure referred by the city council to be included in the ballot information booklet described in section 15-11(e), the clerk and recorder shall accept written comments for and against each measure referred by citizen petition no later than fifty (50) days before the election. For a measure referred by citizen petition, the petitioners' committee shall be solely responsible for submitting written comments in favor of the referred measure. The clerk and recorder may only accept opposition comments from registered electors of the City and County of Denver and the clerk and recorder may summarize all opposition comments. For purposes of preparing and delivering the ballot information booklet, all language applicable to a referred measure shall include a measure referred by citizen referendum petition.”

Rule 14.2 Ballot Information Booklet Composition.

14.2.1 For each initiated or referred measure, the ballot information booklet shall be limited to the following items:

C. For referred measures referred by the Denver City Council, the following explanation: "The ballot title below was drafted by the professional legal staff for the Denver
City Council for ballot purposes only. The ballot title will not appear in the Denver Revised Municipal Code. The text of the measure that will appear in the Denver Revised Municipal Code below was referred to the voters by the Denver City Council. For measures referred by citizen referendum petition, the following explanation shall be included in the ballot information booklet: "The ballot title below was drafted by the proponents of the referendum for ballot purposes only. The ballot title will not appear in the Denver Revised Municipal Code. The referendum measure is included on the ballot as a proposed repeal of an ordinance currently in the Denver Revised Municipal Code because the proponents gathered the required amount of petition signatures."