DENVER **CLERK & RECORDER**

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HON. **PAUL D. LÓPEZ**

December 23, 2025

Petitioners' Committee for Initiated Ordinance Petition
Concerning Prohibiting the Force-feeding of Birds
3623 W 33rd Ave.
Denver, CO 80209

Re: Initiative petition, statement of sufficiency
Dear Mr. Oliver and Petitioners' Committee:

On December 10, 2025, the Denver Elections Division received 284 petition sections for the citizen initiative petition concerning prohibiting of the force-feeding of birds. As required under the Denver Municipal Code § 15-11(a)(1)(d)(3) and Denver Clerk and Recorder Election Rule 5.9, the Clerk and Recorder has completed its' review of the referendum petition signatures within twenty-five days of receipt. The following is a summary report of the signatures reviewed by the Clerk and Recorder:

Petition Statistics Summary Report	
Total number of signatures submitted:	16,158
Total number of valid (accepted) signatures:	11,404
Total number of invalid (rejected) signatures:	4,754
Total number of excluded signatures:	0
Required number of signatures:	9,494

The Clerk and Recorder has determined that the referendum petition contains a **sufficient** number of valid signatures. The twenty-five-day holding period ends on Sunday, January 4, 2026. During that period, any registered voter may file a protest with the Clerk and Recorder. No protests have been filed as of the date of this letter. At the conclusion of the holding period, if no protest has been filed, the Clerk and Recorder will notify the Denver City Council of this sufficiency determination. The measure will be placed on the next citywide election, November 3, 2026, in accordance with Denver Municipal Code § 15-11(a)(1)(e), unless the City Council, in its discretion, calls for a special election to be held before the next scheduled citywide election for the purpose of submitting the initiated ordinance to the electorate, subject to limitations set forth in Section 8.2.3 of the Charter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at CRcompliance@denvergov.org.

Sincerely,

Todd Davidson
Director of Elections
Denver Elections Division