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Certificate of Signature Verification

WHEREAS, the City of Pacific Grove Ballot Initiative Charter Amendment Requiring Voter Approval of Mayor and Councilmember Compensation and Benefits petition was transferred by the City Clerk of the City of Pacific Grove to the County of Monterey, Elections Department for signature verification on August 17, 2026;

WHEREAS, the petition consists of 88 sections and 2,120 signatures;

WHEREAS, each section contains signatures purporting to be the signatures of qualified Electors of this county; that attached to each petition at the time it was filed was an affidavit purporting to be the affidavit of the persons who solicited the signatures, and containing the dates between which the purported qualified electors signed the petition; that the affiant stated his or her own qualifications, that he or she had solicited the signatures upon that section, that all of the signatures were made in his or her presence, and that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief each signature to that section was the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code §§§ 9266, 9114 & 9115, the City Elections Official may request a random sampling review of 3% or 500 petition signatures, whichever number is greater, or a *full-check* review of the petition signatures;

WHEREAS, of the 2,120 signatures submitted, per the City Clerk, Elections conducted a review of the petition following the *full-check* methodology by examining the records of registration of this County, current and in effect at the respected purported dates of such signing, to determine what number of qualified electors signed the petition;

WHEREAS, Elections Code § 9255 provides that the minimum number of signatures required for a charter amendment proposed by petition is not less than 15%, or 1,582 valid signatures, of the voters in the City, according to the last report of registration by the County Elections Official to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 2187, and there are 10,549 registered voters in the City of Pacific Grove as of the report of registration at the time of filing;

WHEREAS, of the 2,120 signatures submitted in the raw count, 2,120 signatures were verified; 1,725 signatures were deemed valid; and 395 signatures were found not sufficient;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the number of valid signatures on said petition exceeds 15% of the registered voters in the City of Pacific Grove.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 22nd day of September, 2026.

Gina Martinez
Registrar of Voters
County of Monterey

