

RESOLUTION NO. 26-XXX

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE ACCEPTING THE CERTIFICATE OF SIGNATURE VERIFICATION

1. On February 3, 2026, Proponent presented the City Clerk's Office with a Notice of Intent to Circulate Petition for the purpose of amending the City Charter to require voter approval of compensation and benefits for the Mayor and Council Members.
2. On February 189, 2026, the City Clerk transmitted the approved City Attorney's Title and Impartial Summary and on February 19, 2026 the City Clerk transmitted an amended City Attorney's Title and Impartial Summary, commencing the period to circulate petitions February 207, 2026 to August 187, 2026.
3. On August 17, 2026, Proponent submitted the Charter Amendment Initiative petition in sections. The petition format was reviewed for adherence to state law (e.g. required heading, copy of the ordinance, proper components for voter entries, declaration of circulator) and was found to comply. A prima facie count was conducted by the City Clerk's office, and it was established that there were 2105 signatures received.
4. On August 17, 2026, the Charter Amendment Initiative petition was delivered to the Monterey County Elections Department and Registrar of Voters for review of the petition signatures. The City's instructions to the County requested examination of signatures and certification be accomplished by full check pursuant to Elections Code Section 9114. Based on the County Registrar's January 14, 2026, official report of registration to the Secretary of State of 10,549 registered voters in the City of Pacific Grove, 15% of registration required 1582 valid signatures to qualify.
5. On September 22 2025, the Monterey County Registrar of Voters provided the City with its Certificate of Signature Verification resolving that the number of valid signatures on said petition exceeds 15% of the registered voters in the City of Pacific Grove; as required for a charter amendment initiative.
6. This action does not constitute a "Project" under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council determines that each Finding set forth above is true and correct, and by this reference incorporates those Findings as an integral part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The City Council accepts the Certificate of Signature Verification, and hereby authorizes and directs the City Clerk to enter upon the records of this Council the Certificate of Signature Verification, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately following passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE this 7th day of October 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

NICK SMITH, Mayor

ATTEST:

DATED: _____

SANDRA KANDELL, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ALEX LORCA, City Attorney