

May 29, 2003

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL
Palo Alto, California

Subject: City Clerk's Report on Sufficiency of Initiative
Petitions Regarding Establishing Conditions for
Fluoridating Palo Alto Public Drinking Water;
Immediate Cessation.

Dear Council Members:

The initiative petition regarding establishing conditions for fluoridating Palo Alto public drinking water; immediate cessation filed in this office has been checked by the Register of Voters and found to contain 2,543 valid signatures.

In accordance with the Palo Alto City Charter, Article VI, Section 2. Initiative, the proposed petition is signed by six (6) percent of the registered voters as of the last General Municipal Election (36,561) which is 2,194.

A copy of the Certification of Sufficiency of the Initiative Petition and the wording of the proposed ordinance is attached.

RECOMMENDATION

The Palo Alto City Charter states the Council must either pass such ordinance without alteration or submit the same to the electorate at the next general municipal election that shall occur at any time not less than eighty-eight days from the date of the clerk's certificate of sufficiency.

If the City Council chooses to place the measure on the ballot, direction should be given to the City Clerk to place the initiative on the ballot of a Special Election to be held at the time of the November 4, 2003 Election.

RESOURCE IMPACT

If Council should decide to place this item on the next general municipal election date of November 4, 2003, the cost for this measure would be approximately \$40,000.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna J. Rogers
City Clerk

Attachment:
Certificate of Sufficiency
Wording of Proposed Ordinance