

COUNTY AND DISTRICT INITIATIVE & REFERENDUM PETITIONS



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PREFACE

This booklet is a summary of the procedures for preparing and qualifying county and special district initiatives and referenda. *This booklet contains general information only and does not have the force and effect of law, regulation, or rule.* In case of conflict, the law, regulation or rule will apply. Anyone contemplating a new ordinance, or rescission of an old one, through petition or contemplating petitioning for a referendum on legislative acts should consult an attorney and confer with the staff at the Santa Barbara County Registrar of Voters Office.

NOTE: All code references in this text refer to the California Elections Code.

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INITIATIVES

Initiative is the power of the electors to propose a new ordinance by which they will be governed. An initiative is placed on the ballot after its proponents (sponsors) have successfully met a series of deadlines.

COUNTY INITIATIVES

ORDINANCES

1. NOTICE OF INTENTION (§§9103, 9104)

Prior to the preparation or circulation of any initiative petition, the proponents shall file with the Registrar of Voters a notice of intention to do so. The notice shall include the names and business or residence addresses of at least one but not more than five proponents of the petition and shall also be accompanied by the written text of the initiative and a request that a ballot title and summary be prepared. The notice of intention may also include a printed statement, not exceeding 500 words in length, stating the reasons for the proposed petition. The notice shall be in substantially the following form:

Notice of Intention to Circulate Petition

Notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate the petition within the County of Santa Barbara for the purpose of _____
_____. A statement of the reasons of the proposed action as contemplated in the petition is as follows:
(*optional statement*).

AN EXAMPLE OF A COUNTY NOTICE OF INTENTION FORM CAN BE FOUND ON PAGES 24-25.

2. DEPOSIT OF FEES (§9103)

Any persons filing a notice of intent to circulate an initiative petition are required to pay a \$200.00 deposit, established by the Board of Supervisors, at the time the notice of intention is submitted to the Registrar of Voters.

This fee is refunded to the filer if within one year of the date of filing the notice of intention, the Registrar of Voters certifies the sufficiency of the petition.

The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors has decided not to require the deposit at this time.

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3. **BALLOT TITLE AND SUMMARY (§9105)**

After receipt of a notice of intention to circulate an initiative petition the Registrar of Voters will immediately transmit a copy of the proposed measure to County Counsel. Within 15 days after the proposed measure is filed, County Counsel shall provide and return to the Registrar of Voters a ballot title and summary for the proposed measure. The ballot title may differ from any other title of the proposed measure and shall express in 500 words or less the purpose of the proposed measure. In providing the ballot title, County Counsel shall give a true and impartial statement of the purpose of the proposed measure in such language that the ballot title shall neither be an argument, nor be likely to create prejudice, for or against the proposed measure.

4. **WRIT OF MANDATE – TITLE OR SUMMARY (§9106)**

The proponents may seek a writ of mandate requiring the ballot title or summary prepared by County Counsel to be amended. The court shall expedite the hearing on the writ. A peremptory writ of mandate shall be issued only upon clear and convincing proof that the ballot title or summary is false, misleading, or inconsistent with the requirements of section 9105.

5. **PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF INTENTION (§9105)**

After receipt from County Counsel, the Registrar of Voters shall immediately furnish a copy of the ballot title and summary to the proponents of the proposed measure. Prior to the circulation of the petition, the proponents shall publish the notice of intention and the ballot title and summary in a newspaper of general circulation published in Santa Barbara County. Proof of publication must be filed with the Registrar of Voters.

6. **PETITION PREPARATION (§§101, 9105)**

Initiative proponents are responsible for the preparation and printing of petitions. The ballot title and summary prepared by County Counsel shall appear upon each section of the petition above the text of the proposed measure and across the top of each page on which signatures are to appear. It shall be in 12-point or larger Roman boldface type. The ballot title and summary shall be clearly separated from the text of the measure. The text of the measure should be printed in 8-point type or larger.

The heading of the proposed measure shall be in substantially the following form:

Initiative Measure to be Submitted Directly to the Voters

The County Counsel has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

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(Here set forth the title and summary prepared by County Counsel. This title and summary must also be printed across the top of each page of the petition whereon signatures are to appear).

Following the ballot title and summary, place the complete text of the proposed measure and the statement of the reasons of the proposed action as contemplated in the petition (if the statement was submitted). Immediately preceding the portion of the petition where voters are to sign, a notice in 12-point type must appear containing this statement:

“NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC”

THIS PETITION MAY BE CIRCULATED BY A PAID SIGNATURE GATHERER OR A VOLUNTEER. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK THIS QUESTION.

7. FORM OF THE PETITION (§§100)

State law specifies the format for petitions. The Registrar of Voters will not accept petitions that do not conform to the law. Several people, each carrying separate, identical parts of the petition called “sections”, may circulate the petition. Only a person who is an eligible registered voter at the time of signing the petition is entitled to sign it. A person who submits his or her affidavit of registration of registration pursuant to subdivision d of section 2102 is not eligible to sign a petition or paper unless at the time of signing he or she is 18 years of age. Each petition section shall be designed so that each signer can, as required by law, personally affix his or her:

- a. signature;
- b. printed name; and
- c. residence address, giving street and number. If no street or number exists, then adequate designation of the residence must be given so that the location may be readily determined.

A space at least one inch wide shall be left blank across the top of each page and after each name for the use of the Registrar of Voters in verifying the petition or paper. The part of the petition for the voters’ signatures shall be numbered consecutively commencing with the number one and continuing through the number of signature spaces allotted to each section. The petition format shall be substantially in the following form:

			Official Use Only
1.	(Print Name) (Signature)	(Residence Address Only) (City)	
2.	(Print Name) (Signature)	(Residence Address Only) (City)	

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Each section of the petition shall bear a full and correct copy of the printed notice of intention to circulate and the title and summary prepared by County Counsel.

AN EXAMPLE OF A COUNTY INITIATIVE PETITION FORM CAN BE FOUND ON PAGES 30-31.

8. **DECLARATION OF CIRCULATOR (§§102, 104, 9109)**

- a. Each section of the petition or paper shall have attached to it a declaration signed by the circulator of the petition or paper setting forth, in the circulator's own hand, the following:
 - 1) the printed name of the circulator;
 - 2) the residence address of the circulator, giving street and number, or if no street or number exists, adequate designation of residence so that the location may be readily ascertained; and
 - 3) the dates between which all the signatures on that section were obtained.
- b. Each declaration submitted shall also set forth the following:
 - 1) that the circulator circulated that section and saw the appended signatures being written; and
 - 2) that according to the best information and belief of the circulator, each signature is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be.
- c. The circulator shall certify to the content of the declaration as to its truth and correctness, under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California with the signature of his or her name at length, including given name, middle name or initial. The circulator shall state the date and the place of execution on the declaration immediately following his or her signature.
- d. A person who is a voter or who is qualified to register to vote in this state may circulate an initiative or referendum petition.

9. **CIRCULATING THE PETITION (§§102, 9108)**

The proponents may circulate the petition for signatures of registered voters of Santa Barbara County after publication of the title and summary prepared by County Counsel. Each section of the petition shall bear a copy of the notice of intention, and the title and summary prepared by County Counsel.

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10. **WHO MAY SIGN THE PETITION (§§100, 9108)**

Only a person who is a qualified registered voter in Santa Barbara County at the time of signing may sign a petition being circulated in Santa Barbara County. If the person circulating the petition is a registered voter of the jurisdiction the circulator may also sign it. The signature of the circulator shall be given the same effect as that of any other qualified signer.

11. **WHEN TO FILE THE PETITION (§9110)**

The petition shall be presented to the Registrar of Voters within 180 days from the date of receipt of the title and summary, or after termination of any action for a writ of mandate, pursuant to §9106 and, if applicable, after receipt of an amended title and summary, whichever occurs later.

12. **FILING THE PETITION (§9113)**

The petition shall be filed by the proponents or by any person authorized in writing by the proponents. All sections of the petition must be filed at one time at the Registrar of Voters Office. Any section of the petition not filed at that time will be void for all purposes. At the time of filing, the Registrar of Voters will determine the total number of signatures on the petition. If the petition contains the required number of signatures, the Registrar of Voters shall examine the petition. If the Registrar of Voters determines the petition does not contain the required number of signatures, no further action shall be taken.

13. **EXAMINATION OF SIGNATURES (§§9114, 9115)**

The Registrar of Voters has 30 days from the date of filing the petition, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, to determine whether the required number of voters has signed the petition and to certify the results. If the petition is found to be insufficient, the Registrar of Voters will notify the proponents and no further action will be taken. If the petition is found to be sufficient, the Registrar of Voters will notify proponents and certify the results to the Board of Supervisors at their next regular meeting.

However, pursuant to §9115, if the petition contains more than 500 signatures, the Registrar of Voters may randomly sample 3 percent or 500 signatures for verification, whichever is greater.

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14. DISPOSITION OF SUFFICIENT PETITION (§9116, 9118)

- a. If the initiative petition is signed by voters not less in number than 20 percent of the entire vote cast within Santa Barbara County for all candidates for Governor at the last gubernatorial election preceding the publication of the notice of intention to circulate the petition, and contains a request that the ordinance be submitted immediately to a vote of the people at a special election, the Board of Supervisors shall either:
 - 1) Adopt the ordinance without alteration either at the regular meeting at which it is presented or within 10 days after it is presented.
 - 2) Immediately call a special election pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 1405 at which the ordinance, without alteration, shall be submitted to a vote of the voters of the county.
 - 3) Order a report on the proposed ordinance pursuant to §9111 at the regular meeting at which the certification of the petition is presented. When the report is presented to the Board of Supervisors, the Board shall either adopt the ordinance within 10 days or order an election pursuant to subdivision (b).

- b. If the initiative petition is signed by voters not less in number than 10 percent of the entire vote cast in Santa Barbara County for all candidates for Governor at the last gubernatorial election preceding the publication of the notice of intention to circulate an initiative petition, the board of supervisors shall do one of the following:
 - 1) Adopt the ordinance without alteration at the regular meeting at which the certification of the petition is presented, or within 10 days after it is presented.
 - 2) Submit the ordinance, without alteration, to the voters pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 1405, unless the ordinance petitioned for is required to be, or for some reason is, submitted to the voters at a special election pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 1405.
 - 3) Order a report pursuant to Section 9111 at the regular meeting at which the certification of the petition is presented. When the report is presented to the board of supervisors, it shall either adopt the ordinance within 10 days or order an election pursuant to subdivision (b).

DISTRICT INITIATIVES

1. **IN GENERAL (§9300)**

In addition to any other method provided by law, ordinances may be enacted by any district pursuant to Article 1, except that this article shall not apply to irrigation districts, to a district formed under a law that does not provide a procedure for elections, to a district formed under a law which does not provide for action by ordinance, to a district governed by an election procedure that permits voters, in electing the district’s directors or trustees, to cast more than one vote per voter, or to a district in which the directors are empowered to cast more than one vote per director when acting on any matter.

2. **DEFINITIONS**

District: For the purposes of district initiatives, “district” includes any regional agency that has the power to tax, regulate land use, or to condemn and purchase land.
(§317)

Clerk: “Clerk” means the County Elections Official, Registrar of Voters, City Clerk or other officer charged with the duty of conducting an election
(§307)

3. **SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE BY PETITION (§9301)**

Any proposed ordinance may be submitted to the governing board of the district by an initiative petition filed with the district’s elections official.

4. **PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION (§§9302, 9303)**

Before circulating an initiative petition in any district, the proponents of that measure shall publish a notice of intention. A printed statement stating the reasons for the proposed petition shall accompany the notice. The printed statement shall not exceed 500 words. The notice shall be signed by at least one, but not more than five, proponents and shall be substantially in the following form:

“Notice of Intention to Circulate Initiative Petition”

Notice is hereby given of the intention of the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate the petition within the _____ district for the purpose of _____ . A statement of the reasons for the proposed actions as contemplated is as follows:”

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AN EXAMPLE OF A DISTRICT NOTICE OF INTENTION FORM CAN BE FOUND ON PAGES 42-43.

The notice of intention and statement shall be published or posted, or both, as follows:

- a. If there is a newspaper of general circulation within the district, the notice and statement shall be published at least once.
- b. If the petition is to be circulated in a district in which there is no newspaper of general circulation, the notice and statement shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the county in which the district is located, and the notice and statement shall be posted in three public places within the district.

5. FILING OF NOTICE AND STATEMENT (§9304)

Within 10 days after the date of publication or posting, or both, of the notice of intention and statement, the proponents shall file a copy of the notice and statement as published or posted, or both, together with an affidavit made by a representative of the newspaper in which the notice was published. If the notice was posted, an affidavit made by a voter of the district certifying to the fact of posting must be included. The affidavit and copies of the notice and statement shall be filed with the elections official of the district.

6. FORM OF PETITION (§§100, 101, 9020, 9022, 9301)

State law specifies the format for petitions. The Registrar of Voters will not accept petitions that do not conform to the law. Several people, each carrying separate, identical parts of the petition called “sections”, may circulate the petition. Only a person who is a qualified registered voter at the time of signing the petition is entitled to sign it. A person who submits his or her affidavit of registration pursuant to subdivision (d) of section 2102 is not eligible to sign a petition or paper unless at the time of signing he or she is 18 years of age. Each petition section shall be designed so that each signer can, as required by law, personally affix his or her:

- a. signature;
- b. printed name; and
- c. residence address, giving street and number. If no street or number exists, then adequate designation of the residence must be given so that the location may be readily determined.
- d. name of incorporated city or unincorporated community.

A space at least one inch wide shall be left blank across the top of each page and after each name for the use of the Registrar of Voters in verifying the petition or paper. The part of the petition for the voters’ signatures shall be numbered consecutively commencing with the number one and continuing through the number of signature spaces allotted to each section. The petition format shall be substantially in the following form:

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1.	(Print Name) (Signature)	(Residence Address Only) (City)	Official use Only
2.	(Print Name) Signature)	(Residence Address Only) (City)	

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any state or local initiative petition required to be signed by voters shall contain in 12-point type, prior to that portion of the petition for voters' signatures, printed names, and residence addresses, the following language:

“NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC”

THIS PETITION MAY BE CIRCULATED BY A PAID SIGNATURE GATHERER OR A VOLUNTEER. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK.”

AN EXAMPLE OF A DISTRICT INITIATIVE PETITION FORM CAN BE FOUND ON PAGES 34-35.

7. DECLARATION OF CIRCULATOR (§§104, 9022, 9301, 9307)

- a. Each section of the petition or paper shall have attached to it a declaration signed by the circulator of the petition or paper setting forth, in the circulator’s own hand, the following:
 - 1) the printed name of the circulator;
 - 2) the residence address of the circulator, giving street and number, or if no street or number exists, adequate designation of residence so that the location may be readily ascertained; and
 - 3) the dates between which all the signatures on that section were obtained.
- b. Each declaration submitted shall also set forth the following:
 - 1) that the circulator is any person who is a voter or who is qualified to register to vote in the district;
 - 2) that the circulator circulated that section and saw the appended signatures being written; and
 - 3) that according to the best information and belief of the circulator, each signature is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be.
- c. The circulator shall certify to the content of the declaration as to its truth and correctness, under penalty of perjury, with the signature of his or her name at length, including given name, middle name or initial. The circulator shall state the date and

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the place of execution on the declaration immediately following his or her signature.

8. **CIRCULATING OF THE PETITION (§9305)**

After the publication or posting, or both, of the notice of intention and statement, the petition may be circulated among the voters of the district for signatures by any person who is a voter or who is qualified to register to vote in the district. Each section of the petition shall bear a copy of the notice of intention and statement.

9. **FILING OF PETITION (§9306)**

Signatures upon petitions and sections thereof shall be secured, and the petition, together with all sections, shall be filed within 180 days from the date of publication or posting, or both, of the notice of intention and statement. If the petition and its sections are not filed within the time required, they will be void for all purposes.

10. **EXAMINATION OF SIGNATURES (§§9308, 9309)**

- a. Unless a random sampling technique is used, within 30 days from the date of filing of the petition, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, the district's elections official shall examine the petition, and from the records ascertain whether or not the requisite number of voters signed the petition. A certificate showing the results of this examination shall be attached to the petition.
- b. Within 30 days from the date of filing of the petition, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, if more than 500 signatures have been signed on the petition, the district's elections official may use a random sampling technique for verification of signatures. The random sample of signatures to be verified shall be drawn in such a manner that every signature filed with the district's elections official shall be given an equal opportunity to be included in the sample. The random sample shall include an examination of at least 500 or 3 percent of the signatures, whichever is greater. A certificate showing the results of this examination shall be attached to the petition.
- c. If the petition is found insufficient, no action shall be taken on the petition. However, failure to secure sufficient signatures shall not preclude the filing of an entirely new petition to the same effect.
- d. If the petition is found to be sufficient, the elections official shall certify the results of the examination to the governing board of the district at the next regular meeting of the Board.

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11. DISPOSITION OF SUFFICIENT PETITION (§9310)

- a. If the initiative petition is signed by voters not less in number than 10 percent of the voters in the district, where the total number of registered voters is less than 500,000, or not less in number than 5 percent of the voters in the district, where the total number of registered voters is 500,000 or more, and the petition contains a request that the ordinance be submitted immediately to a vote of the people at a special election, the district board shall do either of the following:
 - (1) Adopt the ordinance, without alteration, either at the regular meeting at which the certification of the petition is presented, or within 10 days after it is presented.
 - (2) Immediately order that the ordinance be submitted to the voters, without alteration, pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 1405.
- b. The number of registered voters referred to in subdivision (a) shall be calculated as of the time of the last report of registration by the county **elections** official to the Secretary of State made prior to publication or posting of the notice of intention to circulate the initiative petition.

DISPOSITION OF SUFFICIENT PETITION (§9311)

- a. If the initiative petition does not request a special election, the district board shall do either of the following:
 - (1) Adopt the ordinance, without alteration, either at the regular meeting at which the certification of the petition is presented, or within 10 days after it is presented.
 - (2) Submit the ordinance to the voters, without alteration, pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 1405, unless the ordinance petitioned for is required to be, or for some reason is, submitted to the voters at a special election pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 1405.

REFERENDUM

A referendum is the submission of an ordinance, proposed or actual, to a direct popular vote. By using referendum powers, the legislative board of a jurisdiction (e.g., Board of Supervisors, City Council) may ask registered voters to decide on the enactment, repeal, or amendment of any ordinance. Additionally, voters may independently circulate a petition protesting the adoption of an ordinance and requesting that the issue be put up for a popular vote.

COUNTY REFERENDUM

1. SUBMISSION BY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (§9140)

The Board of Supervisors may submit to the voters, without a petition, an ordinance for the repeal, amendment, or enactment of any ordinance. The ordinance shall be voted upon at any succeeding regular or special election. If it receives a majority of votes cast, the ordinance shall be repealed, amended, or enacted accordingly.

2. PETITION PROTESTING ADOPTION (§9144)

Notwithstanding Section 9340, ordinances authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds by a school district, special district, or any other local agency as part of a joint powers entity pursuant to Section 6547 of the Government Code, shall not take effect for 60 days.

When the number of votes cast for all candidates for Governor at the last gubernatorial election within boundaries of the school district, special district, or any other local agency described in subdivision (a) of Section 9341 exceeds 500,000, the ordinance is subject to referendum upon presentation of a petition bearing signatures of at least 5 percent of the entire vote cast within the boundaries of the school district, special district or any other local agency for all candidates for Governor at the last gubernatorial election. When the number of votes cast for all candidates for Governor at the last gubernatorial election within the boundaries of the school district, special district, or any other local agency is less than 500,000, the ordinance is subject to referendum upon presentation of a petition bearing signatures of at least 10 percent of the entire vote cast within the boundaries of the school district, special district, or any other local agency for all candidates for Governor at the last gubernatorial election.

For purposes of submitting the question to the voters pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 9341, the ballot wording shall approximate the following:

“Shall the _____ (school district, special district, or any other local agency name), as a member of the _____ (joint powers entity name), authorize the issuance of revenue bonds by the joint powers entity in the amount of \$ _____ pursuant to ordinance number _____, dated _____, the bonds to be used for the following purposes and to be redeemed in the following manner: _____?”

REFERENDUM

3. FORM OF PETITION (§9340)

- a. The same provisions of the Elections Code that govern initiative petitions and the duties of the Registrar of Voters with respect to initiative petitions also govern referendum petitions and the duties of the Registrar of Voters with respect to the referendum petitions except that all computations referred to in those sections and officers of the county mentioned in those sections shall be construed to refer to comparable computations and officers of the district.
- b. The heading of a proposed referendum measure shall be in substantially the following form:

“Referendum Against an Ordinance Passed by the Board of Supervisors”

- b. Each section of the referendum petition shall contain the title and text of the ordinance or the portion of the ordinance that is the subject of the referendum.

4. PROTEST OF ORDINANCE SUBMITTED TO VOTERS (§9145)

If the Board of Supervisors does not entirely repeal the ordinance against which a petition is filed, the Board shall submit the ordinance to the voters either at the next regularly scheduled county election, or at a special election called for that purpose, not less than 88 days after the date of the order. The ordinance shall not become effective unless and until a majority of the voters voting on the ordinance vote in favor of it.

DISTRICT REFERENDUM

1. **SUBMISSION BY GOVERNING BOARD (§9342)**

The governing board of any district to which §9340 applies may refer legislative questions to the voters of the district in the same manner as the Board of Supervisors may refer county questions pursuant to §9140.

2. **PETITION PROTESTING ADOPTION (§§9341, 9340)**

Voters of any district have the right to petition for a referendum on legislative acts. If a petition protesting against a legislative act is presented to the governing board prior to the effective date of the act, the act shall be suspended and the board shall reconsider it. The petition shall be signed by voters of the district equal in number to at least 10 percent of the entire vote cast within the district for all candidates for Governor at the last gubernatorial election.

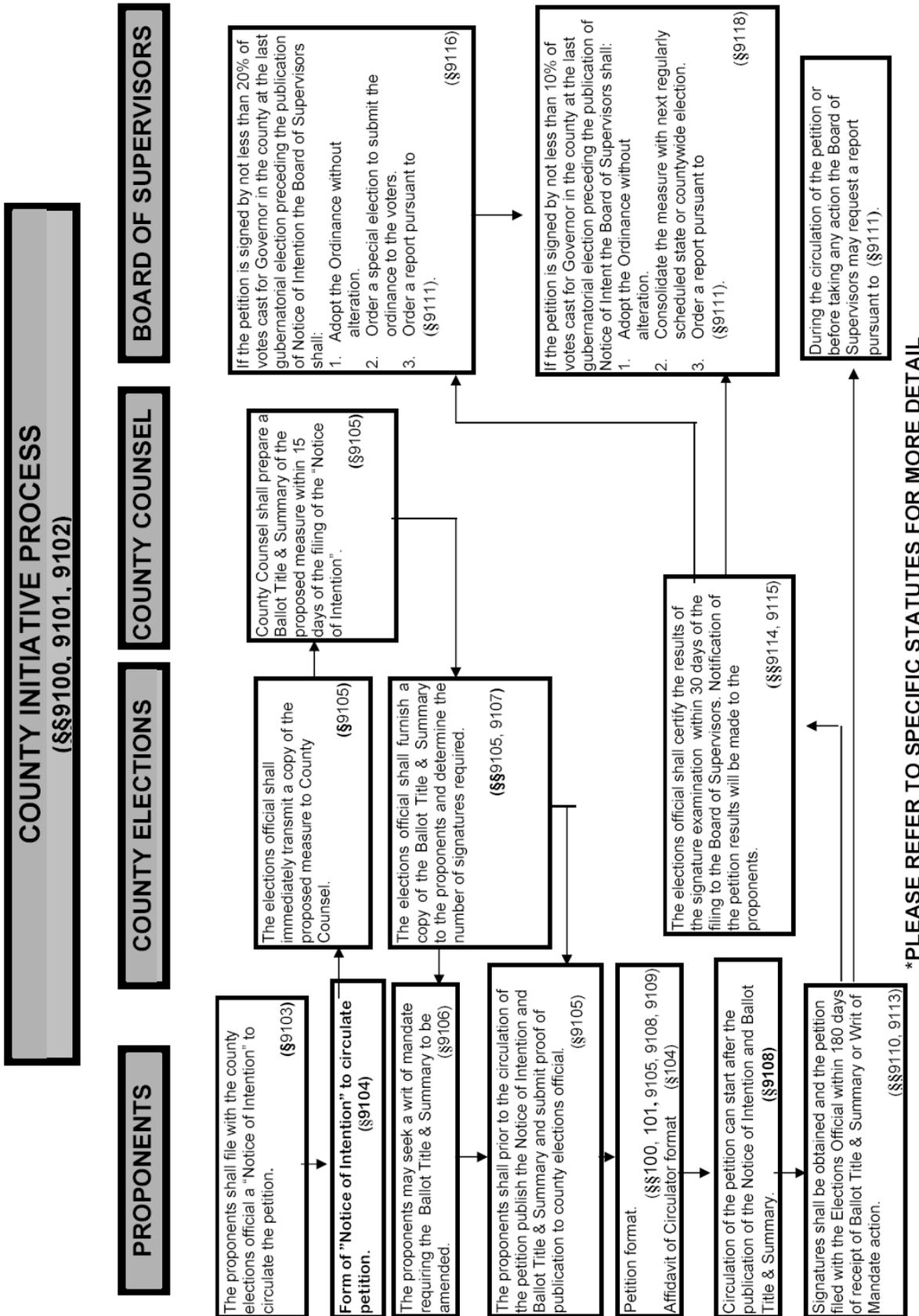
3. **FORM OF PETITION (§§9146, 9340)**

The same provisions of the Elections Code that govern initiative petitions and the duties of the district's elections official with respect to initiative petitions also govern referendum petitions and the duties of the district's elections official with respect to referendum petitions.

4. **PROTEST OF ORDINANCE SUBMITTED TO VOTERS (§§9145, 9340)**

If the governing board does not entirely repeal the legislative act against which a petition is filed, the board shall submit the act to the voters either at the next regularly scheduled district election, or at a special election called for that purpose, not less than 88 days after the date of the order. The act shall not become effective unless and until a majority of the voters voting on the act vote in favor of it.

COUNTY INITIATIVE PROCESS FLOW CHART



NOTICE OF INTENTION

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CIRCULATE PETITION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE PERSONS WHOSE NAMES APPEAR HEREON OF THEIR INTENTION TO CIRCULATE THE PETITION WITH THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA FOR THE PURPOSE OF. A STATEMENT OF THE REASONS OF THE PROPOSED ACTION AS CONTEMPLATED IN THE PETITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

[INSERT OPTIONAL STATEMENT OF REASONS NOT TO EXCEED 500 WORDS IN LENGTH. (E.C. 9104)]

[THIS NOTICE OF INTENTION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE WRITTEN TEXT OF THE INITIATIVE. (E.C. 9103)]

THE UNDERSIGNED PROPONENTS OF THIS INITIATIVE HEREBY REQUEST THAT A BALLOT TITLE AND SUMMARY BE PREPARED BY COUNTY COUNSEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 9105(A) AND THAT SAID BALLOT TITLE AND SUMMARY BE FURNISHED TO THE UNDERSIGNED FOR PUBLICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 9105(B).

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PROPONENTS

[AT LEAST ONE BUT NO MORE THAN FIVE PROPONENTS MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. (E.C. 9104)]

1.
PRINT YOUR NAME: _____ RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____
SIGNATURE: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

2.
PRINT YOUR NAME: _____ RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____
SIGNATURE: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

3.
PRINT YOUR NAME: _____ RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____
SIGNATURE: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

4.
PRINT YOUR NAME: _____ RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____
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FILING FEE: \$ _____

[THIS NOTICE OF INTENTION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY PAYMENT OF THE FEE ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NOT TO EXCEED \$200. SUCH FEE SHALL BE REFUNDED TO THE FILER(S) IF, WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF FILING THE NOTICE OF INTENTION, THE COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL CERTIFIES THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE

PETITION. (E.C. 9103)

COUNTY INITIATIVE PETITION EXAMPLE

[A one-inch blank space must be left at the top of each page of the petition.]

INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS

[This heading to be printed in 12-point or larger Roman boldface type.]

(INSERT NAME OF COUNTY) _____

[INSERT NOTICE OF INTENTION]

[Each section of the petition shall bear a copy of the notice of intention. (§9108)]

The county counsel has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure

[INSERT COUNTY COUNSEL TITLE AND SUMMARY]

[The ballot title and summary prepared by the county counsel shall appear upon each section of the petition, above the text of the proposed measure and across the top of each page of the petition on which signatures are to appear, in Roman boldface type not smaller than 12 point. The ballot title and summary shall be clearly separated from the text of the measure. (§9105(c))]

[INSERT FULL TITLE AND TEXT OF MEASURE]

[The text of the measure shall be printed in type not smaller than 8 point. (. (§9105(c))]

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

[THIS PETITION MAY BE CIRCULATED BY A PAID SIGNATURE GATHERER OR A VOLUNTEER. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK. (12 pt. Roman type) (§101)]

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6.	Print Your Name: _____ Residence Address ONLY: _____ Sign As Registered To Vote: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____	

DECLARATION OF CIRCULATOR

(Completed after above signatures have been obtained. (§§102,104))

I, _____, am a registered voter or qualified to register to vote in the County of _____

(Print Name)

My residence address is _____

(Address, City, State, Zip)

I circulated this section of the petition and witnessed each of the appended signatures being written. Each signature on this petition is, to the best of my information and belief, the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. All signatures on this document were obtained between the dates of _____ and _____.

(Month, Day, Year)

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

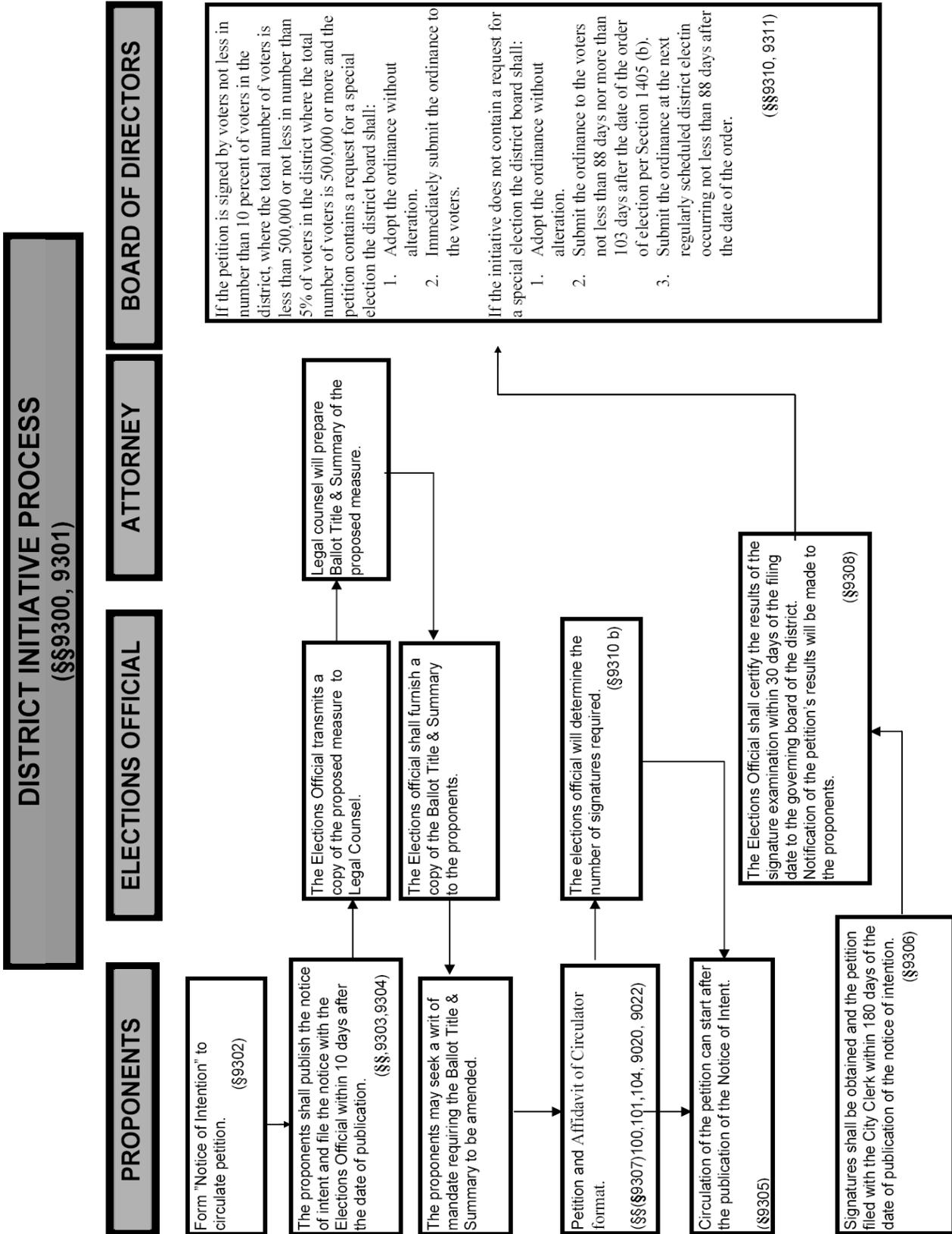
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(Month and Day)

(Place of Signing)

(Signature of Circulator)

DISTRICT INITIATIVE PROCESS FLOW CHART



NOTICE OF INTENTION

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CIRCULATE INITIATIVE PETITION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE PERSONS WHOSE NAMES APPEAR HEREON OF THEIR INTENTION TO CIRCULATE THE PETITION WITH THE DISTRICT OF _____ FOR THE PURPOSE OF _____. A STATEMENT OF THE REASONS OF THE PROPOSED ACTION AS CONTEMPLATED IN THE PETITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

*[INSERT **REQUIRED** STATEMENT OF REASONS NOT TO EXCEED 500 WORDS IN LENGTH. (E.C. 9302)]*

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PROPONENTS

[AT LEAST ONE BUT NO MORE THAN FIVE PROPONENTS MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. (E.C. 9302)]

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DISTRICT INITIATIVE PETITION EXAMPLE

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INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS

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(INSERT NAME OF DISTRICT) _____

Notice of Intention to Circulate Petition

Notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate the petition with the district of _____ for the purpose of _____. A statement of the reasons of the proposed action as contemplated in the petition is as follows:

[Insert **required** statement of reasons not to exceed 500 words in length. (E.C. 9302)]

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DECLARATION OF CIRCULATOR

(Completed after above signatures have been obtained. (§§9307, 9022, 104)]

I, _____, am a registered voter or qualified to register to vote in the _____ District
(Print Name)

My residence address is _____
(Address, City, State, Zip)

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(Month, Day, Year) (Month, Day, Year)

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the forgoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____, 20____ at _____
(Month and Day) (Place of Signing)

(Signature of Circulator)