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### **Official Statement from the City Clerk**

The following is a timeline of events and statement from the Office of the City Clerk regarding the recent recall effort in Council District 1.

1. An initial notice of intent to recall was improperly served on March 31, 2020. Another notice of intent to recall was again improperly served on April 6, 2020. The City Clerk sent a letter to the proponent explaining the law and process for serving a notice of intent.
2. The proponent then served the Councilmember on May 12, 2020 and signatures were verified with the Registrar Recorder on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The Councilmember filed their answer on May 21<sup>st</sup>. By California Elections law, the proponents of a recall has 10 days to turn in proof of publication/posting along with 2 blank copies of the petition format. The proponent missed this deadline, so a rejection letter was sent to the proponent for untimely filing.
3. The proponent then submitted a notice of intent again on June 16<sup>th</sup>. However, the proponent only submitted 14 signatures. Since the law requires 20 signatures, this notice of intent was rejected.
4. The proponent sent another Notice of Intent on June 25, 2020. This time the proponent had sufficient signatures to move forward. The elected official then filed her answer and the posting of the notice of recall was filed.
5. Over the summer, the proponent was required to file blank copies of the proposed petition, but on three separate occasions the proponent filed incorrect petitions. On each occasion the City Clerk's office issued a correction letter explaining the issues.
6. On August 20<sup>th</sup>, the proponent submitted the correct copies of the proposed petition to the City Clerk and signature gathering was able to commence on August 26, 2020.
7. On December 24, 2020, the proponent filed their petitions.
8. Upon examination, it became clear that the petitions contained petition pages calling for the recall of another elected official, instead of the subject Councilmember.
9. The City Clerk sent a letter to the proponent on December 29<sup>th</sup>, informing them that 40 signatures would be rejected.
10. The City Clerk then sent the signatures to the County for an official count.
11. On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, we were informed by the County that the petition failed because it did not have enough valid signatures necessary to qualify for the ballot.
12. A letter was sent on February 3<sup>rd</sup> by the City Clerk's office to the proponent to make them aware of these findings from the County.

The City Clerk's office is committed to transparency and accountability for the residents of Compton. The Clerk's office has spent a considerable amount of time over the past 9 months monitoring this effort closely and informing the proponent of any errors that needed to be corrected and deadlines along the way. The number of signatures needed and all submittal deadlines are codified in California Elections law.

If you have any questions about this effort, please contact the Office of the City Clerk.