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July 11, 2012

HAND DELIVERED
Rod Williams
Chairman
"Save Glendale Now" Political Committee
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Phoenix, Arizona 85016

Re: "Save Glendale Now" Petitions

Dear Mr. Williams:

The city has concluded its review of the initiative petitions that were returned to this Office by the Save Glendale Now political committee on July 5, 2012. Based on this review, the city is rejecting and refusing to file your initiative petition (all petition sheets) for the following reasons:

1. The name of the political committee, as reflected in the Statement of Organization and used on the Application for Initiative Petition Serial Number, fails to incorporate the official serial number for the initiative petition as required by A.R.S. § 16-902.01(F).

2. The description of the initiative as presented with the Application for Initiative Petition Serial Number and which is reflected in each petition reads as follows:

> On June 12, 2012 the Glendale City Council voted to increase the transaction privilege (sales) tax rate by seven-tenths percent for all types of transactions except residential rental, mining, and transient lodging. This initiative would reverse the sales tax increase by amending the City Charter to set the sales tax rates for all transaction categories at the rates in effect prior to the increase and require the Council to receive approval from a majority of the qualified electors voting on the question at an election prior to any future sales tax increase.

This statement is inaccurate and misleading in that the initiative does not by its express language and under existing Arizona law: (a) "reverse the sales tax increase by amending the City Charter to set the sales tax rates for all transaction categories at the rates in effect prior to the increase . . ."; nor (b) "require the Council to receive approval from a majority of the qualified electors voting on the question at an election prior to any future sales tax increase." Therefore, the Application for Initiative Petition does not comply with A.R.S. §§ 19-102(A), 19-111(A), which require a description of the principal provisions of the proposed Charter amendment.

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3. The petitions submitted on July 5, 2012 are untimely because they were not submitted, as required by the Arizona Constitution, art. IV, pt. 1, § 1(4), four months prior to the next ensuing city election set for August 28, 2012.

In light of the above, the city has determined that the committee has not been properly formed and that all the signatures gathered and petitions submitted are invalid. Therefore, this Office rejects the petitions and, therefore, will not transmit the proposed measure to the County Recorder for certification pursuant to A.R.S. § 19-121.01.

Sincerely,

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