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THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF GROVER BEACH DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

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SECTION 6. Each provision of this ordinance is severable, and the invalidity of any section or part thereof shall not affect the validity of its other provisions.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate the petition within the City of Grover Beach for the purpose of **REQUIRING THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK TO BE AN ELECTED POSITION.**

A statement of the reasons of the proposed action as contemplated in the petition is as follows:

Grover Beach has dramatically changed since becoming a city and holding its first council meeting in a fire station in 1959. The City Clerk is the official for city elections, local legislation, the Public Records Act, the Political Reform Act (conflict of interest laws and ethics), and the Brown Act (open meeting laws).

Our City Clerk serves as the liaison between the public and the city council and provides related municipal services, managing the process which forms the foundation of our democratic system of government to enable the public to fully participate in the governmental process by providing accurate information and services in a professional manner, enabling the public to make informed decisions affecting the quality of their lives.

An elected City Clerk answers to the voters, independent of interference by the city manager, city attorney, and city council without fear of losing his or her job for acting in the public interest according to the law. An elected City Clerk would be free to provide accurate, accessible, and timely information to the public.

The City Clerk ensures city council actions comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations and that all actions are properly executed, recorded, and archived.

An elected City Clerk must be at least 18-years of age, live and be registered to vote in Grover Beach for at least six months prior to running for office and not be convicted of certain disqualifying crimes (e.g. embezzlement of public money, bribery, etc.)

/S/ Debra Diane Peterson
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/S/ Adolfo J Medina
579 S 9th St Grover Beach CA 93433

/S/ Andrea Seastrand
851 N 5th St Grover Beach CA 93433

Each of the undersigned states for himself/herself that he or she is a registered and qualified elector of the City of Grover Beach of Grover Beach, California.

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**DECLARATION OF PERSON CIRCULATING SECTION OF RECALL PETITION
 (MUST BE IN CIRCULATOR’S OWN HANDWRITING)**

I, _____, solemnly swear (or affirm) all of the following:

1. That I am 18 years of age or older.
2. That my residence address, including street number, is _____. (If no street or number exists, a designation of my residence adequate to readily ascertain its location is _____.)
3. That the signatures on this section of the petition form were obtained between _____, 20_____, and _____, 20_____; that I circulated the petition and I witnessed the signatures on this section of the petition form being written; and that, to the best of my information and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be.

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

Executed on _____ at _____, California.

 Circulator’s Signature _____
 Date