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**DECLARATION OF CIRCULATOR**

(To be completed in circulator’s own handwriting after above signatures have been obtained)

I \_\_\_\_\_, am 18 years of age or older.  
 (Print Name)

My residence address is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (Address/City/State/Zip Code)

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 the document were obtained between the dates of:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (month/day/year) (month/day/year)

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

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_ at Benicia, California  
 (month/day/year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Circulator