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Text of the Proposed Ballot Initiative

Chapter 2.66 of Title 2 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code is stricken. A new Section 2.30.090 of Title 2 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code is added to read as follows:

2.30.900. Selection and Use of Library Materials

Director and Library Services shall establish policies for the selection and use of library materials, provided that such policies adopt the following requirements:

- (a) The Library serves as a center for voluntary inquiry and the dissemination of information and ideas.
- (b) Library materials shall not be excluded from the library collection because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to the creation of the materials, or because of the topic addressed by the materials or the views expressed in the materials.
- (c) Library materials should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people and should present diverse points of view in the collection as a whole.
- (d) The public has the right to receive access to a range of social, political, aesthetic, moral and other ideas, and experiences.

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CIRCULATE PETITION

Notice is hereby given by the person whose name appears hereon of their intention to circulate the petition within the City of Huntington Beach for the purpose of qualifying for the ballot an initiative to repeal Ordinance 4318. A statement of the reasons of the proposed action as contemplated in the petition is as follows:

Parents should decide what their own children should read, not what my children should read. We seek the repeal of this ordinance that creates a committee of twenty-one parents or guardians reviewing all of the children's books (Ages 0-17) in our library and all new materials being acquired. The committee then makes a determination as to whether or not these materials are allowed to be purchased and included in our libraries. This appears to us to be a book banning committee and committees that ban books are un-American.

The parents/guardians appointed to this highly political committee are not required to have any training or expertise in reviewing some 6200 books and other materials our libraries acquire annually. The ordinance has been sloppily drafted and could result in destroying the Huntington Beach Public Library. This is a disservice to the library's mission that "welcomes, empowers and enriches our community by providing innovative and traditional services that inspire and encourage transformation and growth." One member of this committee could stall the purchase of all materials entering the children's and young adult sections of our library for up to a year.

The decisions of this board would be final and unappealable even to the City Council. We believe that this is by design. This ordinance is designed to destroy our beloved public library and we believe it should be repealed.

Sign: /s/ Catherine Ryder

Name: Catherine Ryder

Address: Felcliff Lane [street number omitted for privacy reasons]

Huntington Beach, CA 92646

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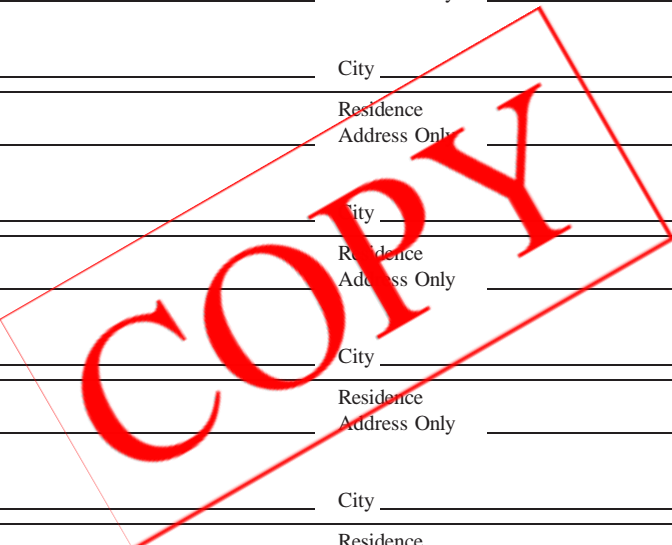
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(to be completed in the circulator’s own hand after above signatures have been obtained)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ am 18 years of age or older. My residence address is \_\_\_\_\_.

(print name)

\_\_\_\_\_. I circulated this section of the petition and witnessed \_\_\_\_\_.

(address, city, state, zip)

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) (month, day, year)

I showed each signer a valid and unfalsified “Official Top Funders” sheet. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_, California.

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

(complete signature including full name of circulator)