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Ruth Ann Stellmacher, City Recorder
City of Salem
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Dear Ruth,

This letter serves as official notification of the results of our review of the signature petition sheets submitted to the Marion County Clerk's office in three different submittals. The first submittal occurred on August 2, 2023, the second on August 3, 2023, and the third on August 9, 2023, for referendum petition "R-EPT-2023-1" (a.k.a. City of Salem Payroll Tax Referendum). This letter affirms the verification and certification of 4,595 valid signatures from active registered voters within the City of Salem, Oregon to initiate a referendum election.

The qualifying sheets from the first two submittals contained 10,713 lines with information. After removing from consideration the blank lines, lines that had been crossed out, etc., there remained 9,720 viable lines for us to potentially glean qualified voter signatures. Since well beyond the minimum number of valid signatures were confirmed within the first two submittals, the third submittal was not entered into our database, nor analyzed.

According to the City of Salem charter, the required number of valid signatures for Referendum "R-EPT-2023-1" to initiate an election is **3,986**. We certify that **4,595 valid signatures have been submitted** within the two submittals yielding 15% more than the number required.

Since the number of qualified signatures meets the minimum number needed, the referendum will be held as part of the November 7, 2023, Special Election.

Following this letter, a full accounting of the signature sheets will be provided. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you,

Brian Van Bergen
Elections & Recording Manager
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