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**Notice of Intent to Circulate Petition**

Ms. Franco Simmons,

Pursuant to Section 9202(a) of the California Elections Code, notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate the petition within the City of Sunnyvale for the purpose of obtaining a vote of the Sunnyvale electorate on the proposed measure attached to this notice.

The proponents of this petition request that the ordinance be submitted immediately to a vote of the people at a special election.

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

This petition proposes changes to the Sunnyvale Municipal Code to ensure that the public land the City of Sunnyvale holds in trust for all its residents continues to serve the interests of Sunnyvale residents.

Sunnyvale residents benefit from the public libraries, community swimming pools, community centers, public parks, public golf courses, and numerous other community service amenities that are placed on land the City of Sunnyvale owns for the benefit of its residents. These public parks and community service amenities help children, adults, and families alike to socialize, exercise, and learn as a community.

As Sunnyvale's population grows, the demand for public parks and community service amenities will grow with it. There is a critical and increasing need for more, not less, places for residents to conduct city and community business, enjoy open spaces, study, improve their health, play with their grandchildren, watch or participate in sports, hold neighborhood meetings, walk dogs, or meet with friends.

Sunnyvale residents have a vested interest in the outcome of any decision that limits their ability to use these public parks and community service amenities. Therefore, there is a need for the Sunnyvale residents to carefully review and specifically approve significant decisions involving the disposition or use of such community service amenities and public parks. Acquiring new land for public use has become increasingly difficult and expensive. Once public land is lost, it is almost impossible to replace. Furthermore, the City Council and the Sunnyvale residents' views involving the disposition of public lands do not always align.

The clarifications and revisions to the Sunnyvale Municipal Code contained in this proposed measure will ensure that Sunnyvale public lands are not used to facilitate private development or provide a source of funding for capital improvements through any sale, lease, trade, land-swap, or other transfer of community service amenities or public parks without very carefully considered community discussion and voter approval.

In accordance with Section 9202(b) of the California Elections Code and the City of Sunnyvale's Fee Schedule, a payment of \$200.00 has been attached to this statement.