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June 30, 2017

**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Adolfo Alexander Varas
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SUBJECT: Response to June 26, 2017 and June 27, 2017 E-mail Queries of Joseph Turner with American Children First regarding initiative of Adolfo Alexander Varas to repeal the City of Cudahy's Utility Users Tax

Dear Mr. Varas:

This letter responds e-mail communications sent to the City Clerk's Office on June 26, 2017 and June 27, 2017 by Joseph Turner with American Children First seeking advice regarding signature requirements, petition deadlines and other information in connection with *your* proposed initiative to repeal the City of Cudahy's utility users tax.

To that end, please understand that compliance with the statutory requirements of the initiative process is the responsibility of the initiative proponent. It is not the responsibility of the City Clerk or City Attorney to advise initiative proponents or correct a proponent's errors. Even when a City provides information about statutory requirements, a City is unlikely to be estopped later from rejecting a petition if the information is incorrect. (See *Creighton v. Reviczky* (1985) 171 CA 3d 1225).

Initiative procedures and requirements are set forth under California Elections Code Sections 9200 through 9226 as well as Article II, Section 8 of the California Constitution. You are encouraged to review these statutes and/or consult with your own legal counsel as to the appropriate requirements going forward.

As you are the official proponent of the initiative we thought it appropriate to direct the City's response to you directly (as opposed to Mr. Turner). To confirm, our office sent the City Attorney's ballot title and summary to you last Thursday, June 22, 2017 via certified mail. Mr. Turner was also provided a copy and acknowledged his receipt of the title and summary in his e-mail of June 26, 2017. **To facilitate the City's communication with you directly going forward, we respectfully ask that you please provide us with**

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the best telephone number with which to reach you. We also ask that you confirm that your e-mail address is [@ail.com](mailto:).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard Iglesias', is written over a white rectangular redaction box.

Richard Iglesias
Deputy City Clerk

cc: Joseph Turner, American Children First (certified mail)