



Office of the City Clerk

Withdrawal of Voter Signature from Petition

California Elections Code Section 9602

9602. A voter who has signed an initiative or referendum petition, and who subsequently wishes his or her name withdrawn, may do so by filing a written request for the withdrawal with the appropriate elections official that includes the voter's name, residence address, and signature. This request shall be filed in the elections official's office prior to the date the petition is filed. A written request made under this section shall not constitute a petition or paper for purposes of Section 104.

(Amended by Stats. 2015, Ch. 731, Sec. 4. Effective January 1, 2016.)

The request for withdrawal must be in writing.

The request for withdrawal shall contain the following information:

- The Title of the petition (initiative name or ordinance subject to referendum)
- Voter's Name (as registered)
- Voter's Residence Address (as registered)
- Voter's Signature (as registered)
- Execution date of withdrawal request

The withdrawal request must be RECEIVED in the Office of the City Clerk one day prior to the date that the petition is officially filed with the City Clerk. For example, if the petition is filed on February 2nd, all withdrawal requests must be received by 5:00 p.m. on February 1st.

Withdrawals postmarked prior to the date the petition is filed, but received after the date the petition is filed, will not be accepted.

The scanned image of a withdrawal request sent as an attachment in an e-mail must contain all the information listed above and be received by the Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to date the petition is filed.

Faxed withdrawal requests must be received by the Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to date the petition is filed.