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I certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is true and correct.

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**Notice of Intent 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 Ojai for the purpose of limiting valet parking to on-site parking only.

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

Most of us live in Ojai for a reason. We value our unique low key lifestyle that is markedly different from most towns in Southern California and includes a beautiful natural and built environment. We know we're at a tipping point and that our small town way of life could give way to gentrification and economic expansion pressures to the extent that Ojai no longer feels like a unique historic rural town, but rather like an urban city that is too often overrun with tourism. Many before us have worked very hard to keep our town's soul intact. In fact, in an effort to protect Ojai's local small scale merchants and the unique character and lifestyle we all enjoy, in 2007 the Ojai City Council voted to enact an ordinance that limits chain stores from establishing locations in our town. Now, in a similar effort to protect our small town from becoming overcrowded, a little too fancy and subservient to high-end tourism and commerce, and to instead further support the daily quality of life for residents and access to local businesses by those who live here, we propose this initiative to limit the use of valet parking. This initiative limits valet parking to locations where cars are parked for patrons of a business that is sited on the same premises. Valet parking attendants can only park cars on those same premises as set forth in this policy. Original signed by: Leslie Hess

**INITIATIVE MEASURE
TITLE AND SUMMARY
PREPARED BY OJAI
CITY ATTORNEY UNDER
ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 9203**

Title: Initiative Measure to Prohibit Off-Site Valet

Parking in the City of Ojai

Summary: If approved by a majority of Ojai voters, this Initiative would amend the Ojai Municipal Code to prohibit off-site valet parking at any commercial property in the City. Commercial property owners and businesses could still valet park vehicles if all vehicles are parked on the same premises as the business.

Under current City law, both on-site and off-site valet parking is allowed if approved by the City through the land use permits for a business. Valet parking means the receiving, driving, parking, and return of a vehicle by a business's employees or contractors, not by the vehicle's driver. The Initiative, if approved, would allow on-site valet parking to continue at commercial properties, but

only if the valet parking operations are on the same premises as the business and use no public street. The Initiative would prohibit any off-site valet parking, meaning valet parking of vehicles at a different location than the business being visited by the driver. The Initiative would also prohibit valet parking that requires vehicles to be moved temporarily onto public streets or public parking lots. The Initiative's prohibition on off-site valet parking would not apply to special events obtaining City permits, so long as the permit applicant does not hold events at the same location over six times per year. The Initiative would also not apply to non-commercial events at residential properties.

The City Council would retain the power to adopt additional parking regulations, if the City Council maintains the Initiative's prohibition against off-site valet parking and using public streets and parking lots to move or temporarily store vehicles for valet parking.

Matthew T. Summers
City Attorney, City of Ojai
Dated: April 20, 2022