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Here is some information relative to a tax initiative process.

If it was a City initiated tax measure it would have to wait until our next regular election to be placed on the ballot, unless it was a special tax and/or considered an emergency.

The following information is relative to a citizen initiated petition for placing a tax measure on the ballot. If more than one measure is being proposed it would need to be separate petitions.

The following highlights the steps that need to be taken before the petition is filed with me and then just briefly following the calling of the election:

- A Request by the proponents for ballot title and summary to be prepared,
- the City Clerk forwards the request to the City Attorney (15 days allowed to prepare),
- Upon receipt, the proponents then are required to publish or post a notice of intent along with the title and summary. Proof of publication must be filed with me within 10 days after publication.
- After the publication then the petition can be circulated and the proponents will have 180 days from their receipt of the title and summary.
- After the petition is filed (if it passes the initial prime facia review and the number of signatures are sufficient) I have 30 days to verify signatures.
 - The number of sufficient signatures is 10% of the registered voters reported to the SOS by the ROV at the last election. The number of registered voters is 57,415 (that will change because of the latest reporting to be done for the May election).
 1. If 10% is received then it would go to the next regular election date.
 2. If they received 15% then a special election could be called (no less than 88 days and no more than 103 days of the election) They can be adopted at a special or a regular Council meeting
- The arguments, rebuttals, and public review times follow accordingly after the initial call for the election.
- The special election need not fall on an established election date (set by the government code).
- It is suggested that in order to meet the due dates for the November 2010 election, the Letter of intent to start the process should be given to me in November 2009, that will allow for sufficient time to complete the process.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to ask.