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TO: Orange County Charter Review Commission

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SUBJECT: Financial Analysis of the Initiative Petitions Committee's Proposed Charter Amendment Revising the Initiative Petition Process

As requested, attached you will find our office's analysis and financial impact statement related to the Initiative Petitions Committee's proposed Charter Amendment which would revise the initiative petition process. This analysis is based on the proposed language that was recommended out of the Initiative Petitions Committee, and would potentially be subject to change if the full Charter Review Committee approved changes to the final language.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact our office.

Initiative Petitions Charter Revisions

Ballot Summary

Comptroller's Office Financial Impact: Savings of \$7,000 per proposed ballot question

Financial Analysis and Impact

1. Estimated increase or decrease in any revenues to Orange County or local government agencies:

This proposed Charter amendment does not appear to have any impact on Orange County revenues or other local government revenues.

2. Expenditures:

This proposed Charter amendment would result in an estimated decrease of expenditures to the County in the amount \$7,000 per ballot question. The cost savings is related the legal panel that reviews petition questions changing from being the cost and administrative responsibility of the County, and moves it to the sponsor of the ballot question. The estimated \$7,000 savings is composed of \$700 to complete a request for proposal process to choose the three attorneys, and \$6,300 in legal services for the three attorneys selected to review the ballot question. Based on information provided by the Supervisor of Elections Office, the Comptroller's Office expects no additional cost, nor cost savings, related to the responsibilities of that office under the proposed changes.

