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Cindy Mortesen  
City Clerk  
City of El Segundo  
350 Main Street  
El Segundo, CA 90245

Re: REQUEST FOR TITLE AND SUMMARY FOR PROPOSED INITIATIVE

Dear Ms. Mortensen:

Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9203(a), I am submitting the attached proposed city ballot measure to your office and request that the City Attorney prepare a title and summary of the measure. The required signed statement pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9608 (Exhibit A) is also attached.

I am the proponent and my address is:

Bryan Partlow  
207 W. Walnut Avenue  
El Segundo, CA 90245

Please direct all correspondence and inquiries regarding this measure to:

Laurence S. Zakson, Esq.  
Reich, Adell & Cvitan  
3550 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 2000  
Los Angeles, CA 90010

Sincerely,

Bryan Partlow  
Initiative Proponent

**EXHIBIT A**

I, Bryan Partlow, acknowledge that it is a misdemeanor under state law (Section 18650 of the California Elections Code) to knowingly or willfully allow the signatures on an initiative petition to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the proposed measure for the ballot. I certify that I will not knowingly or willfully allow the signatures for this initiative to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the measure for the ballot.

  
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Bryan Partlow  
Proponent

Dated this 13 day of 05, 2010

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Re: NOTICE OF INTENT TO CIRCULATE PETITION

Dear Ms. Mortesen:

Notice is hereby given by me, Bryan Partlow, the initiative proponent, of my intention to circulate a petition within the City of El Segundo for the purpose of transferring the provision of fire prevention, fire protection, paramedic and emergency medical service and hazardous materials management in the City of El Segundo from the El Segundo Fire Department to the Los Angeles County Fire Department. The text of the measure is attached.

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

The City of El Segundo faces a multi-million dollar budget deficit in the next fiscal year. State law requires the City of El Segundo to balance its budget each year. Raising taxes, however, is not the best way to close the budget deficit facing the City of El Segundo. That's why the El Segundo City Council is considering all viable cost-cutting alternatives. To this end, the City Council directed the City Manager to request a feasibility study from the Los Angeles County Fire Department to assess the cost savings and enhanced emergency services which could be made available to the City of El Segundo by consolidating the El Segundo Fire Department and its firefighters into the Los Angeles County Fire Protection District.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department provides fire protection, emergency medical and related services to 57 cities in Los Angeles County and one (1) city in Orange County. Cities already adopting the regional approach to fire and paramedic protection offered by the Los Angeles County Fire Department are saving millions of dollars each year and benefiting from improved service. Moreover, many cities have reduced their public employee pension liabilities -- saving even more taxpayer dollars. It is likely that the City of El Segundo would enjoy these benefits, too. El Segundo's Fire

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Chief issued a report to the El Segundo City Council concluding that contracting with the Los Angeles County Fire Department for fire protection, emergency medical and hazardous materials management services would save El Segundo taxpayers millions of dollars each year and maintain quality service.

I am the proponent and my address is Bryan Partlow, 207 W. Walnut Avenue, El Segundo, CA 90245.

Please direct all correspondence and inquiries regarding this measure to:

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Los Angeles, CA 90010

Sincerely,



Bryan Partlow  
Initiative Proponent  
207 W. Walnut Avenue  
El Segundo, CA 90245

This initiative measure is submitted to the people of El Segundo in accordance with the provisions of the California Elections Code Section 9200 *et seq.*

This initiative measure amends sections of the El Segundo Municipal Code; therefore, new provisions proposed to be added are printed in *italic type* to indicate that they are new.

## PROPOSED LAW

### SECTION 1. Title.

This measure shall be known and may be cited as The El Segundo Fire and Emergency Medical Service Preservation Ordinance.

### SECTION 2. Findings and Declarations.

- (1) Fire prevention, fire protection, paramedic and emergency medical service, and hazardous materials management are currently provided by the City of El Segundo's own municipal fire department.
- (2) The City of El Segundo faces a multi-million dollar budget deficit in the next fiscal year. State law effectively requires the City of El Segundo to balance its budget each year. Raising taxes, however, is not the best way to close the budget deficit facing the City of El Segundo. Therefore, the City of El Segundo must consider all viable cost-cutting alternatives. To this end, the City Council directed the City Manager to request a feasibility study from the Los Angeles County Fire Department to assess the cost savings and enhanced emergency services which could be made available to the City of El Segundo by consolidating the fire services provided by the El Segundo Fire Department and the City's firefighters into the Los Angeles County Fire Protection District.
- (3) The Los Angeles County Fire Department provides fire protection, emergency medical and related services to 57 cities in Los Angeles County and one (1) city in Orange County. Cities that have already adopted the regional approach to fire and paramedic protection offered by the Los Angeles County Fire Department save millions of dollars each year and benefit from improved service. Moreover, many cities have reduced their public employee pension liabilities through annexation, which results in even more taxpayer dollars being saved. El Segundo's Fire Chief issued a report to the El Segundo City Council concluding that contracting with the Los Angeles County Fire Department for fire protection, emergency medical and hazardous materials management services would save El Segundo taxpayers millions of dollars each year and maintain quality service.

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- (4) The voters recognize that contracting with the Los Angeles County Fire Department for fire protection, emergency medical and hazardous materials management service would likely require as of the effective date of the City of El Segundo's participation in the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County as determined by the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County, the City Council of the City of El Segundo to delete Sections 13-10-1, 13-10-2, 13-10-3, and 13-10-4 of the El Segundo Municipal Code, and, after such hearings as are required by law, to add a new section 13-10-1 adopting the then-latest version of the Los Angeles County Fire Code by reference. These changes will not diminish safety or quality of life of El Segundo residents and will facilitate the use of regional resources in those circumstances in which the use of out-of-area resources are needed to cope with a fire or other emergency.

SECTION 3. Amendment of the El Segundo Municipal Code.

**13-10-1: FIRE PREVENTION, FIRE PROTECTION, PARAMEDIC AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE, AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT**

- (1) *The responsibility for the provision of fire prevention, fire protection, paramedic and emergency medical service and hazardous materials management in the city of El Segundo is hereby transferred from the El Segundo Fire Department to the Los Angeles County Fire Department subject to the provisions of this section.*
- (2) *The El Segundo City Council shall take all necessary steps to effect the provision of fire prevention, fire protection, paramedic and emergency medical service and hazardous materials management to the City of El Segundo by the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County and otherwise to carry out the provisions of subparagraph (1) of this section. All actions taken by the El Segundo City Council shall be in accordance with California Government Code Sections 55632 and 56855.*
- (3) *The transfer of the fire prevention, fire protection, paramedic and emergency medical service and hazardous materials management from the El Segundo Fire Department to the Los Angeles County Fire Department shall take place on the effective date of the City of El Segundo's participation in the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County as determined by the Board of Supervisors in coordination with the Los Angeles County Fire Department and the City of El Segundo.*
- (4) *The provisions of this Ordinance are intended to be and are severable. If any provision of this Ordinance, or part thereof, is found to be unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect.*