

## INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS

To the Board of Directors of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District: We, the undersigned registered, qualified voters of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District, hereby propose the adoption of an ordinance for the District and petition the Board of Directors to submit the same to the voters of the District for their adoption or rejection at a special election to be called immediately for that purpose. The proposed ordinance reads as follows:

THE PEOPLE OF THE KENSINGTON POLICE PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

### Section I FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

The maintenance of an independent police department staffed by peace officers, including a Chief of Police, employed directly by the District is in the best interests of the District and its residents. This ordinance is intended to ensure that no action can be taken to disband or eliminate the District's independent police department, or to subcontract, assign or delegate the District's police protection and law enforcement responsibilities, without prior voter approval.

### Section II POLICE PROTECTION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES: VOTER APPROVAL

A. No ordinance by which the District would divest itself of its police protection and law enforcement power shall be adopted by the Board of Directors, and, except as provided in paragraphs B and C of this Section II, no contract or other arrangement between the District and any other agency of government, or non-governmental entity, pursuant to which all or any substantial part of the District's police protection and law enforcement functions would be performed by peace officers employed by the other agency or agencies or entity, shall be executed or become effective for any purpose, unless such ordinance, contract or other arrangement has first been approved by a majority of the votes cast in a duly called and conducted special or general election in which the ordinance, contract or other arrangement is submitted for voter approval.

B. Section II.A. does not apply to contracts or other arrangements for police protection and law enforcement support services such as, but not limited to, communications, information technology, and forensic science services, nor to any contract of employment between the District and any individual peace officer.

C. Section II.A. does not limit the Board's authority in case of emergency to accept temporary assistance from, or provide temporary assistance to, any other police agency pursuant to a contract or other arrangement for such temporary emergency assistance, provided, however, that the financial condition of the District shall not be considered to constitute an emergency.

D. Section II. A. does not limit the District Board's authority to determine appropriate levels of full-time, part-time and reserve staffing for the police department.

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CIRCULATE AN INITIATIVE PETITION

Notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate a petition to the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District for the purpose of placing an initiative measure on the ballot. A statement of the reasons for the proposed action as contemplated in the petition is as follows: Over the years, our independent police department has served our community well. This is due in large part to the fact that it reflects the unique character and values of Kensington residents. Residents and officers know each and the officers know our community. By having a locally controlled police department, we have been able to control costs, the level of service, and the quality and training of our peace officers. Many residents believe that if we contract out for police services, Kensington residents will forfeit the ability to meaningfully affect staffing levels and costs, and to ensure the highest level of protection for Kensington residents. As a result, our property values may suffer from the lack of a local police department. Furthermore, the safety of our children and residents may be jeopardized, as the needs of our community will no longer be the only priority of the peace officers. The goal of this petition is to ensure that changes in the way police services are provided to our community cannot be made without a vote of the citizens. This ordinance would require that any material and/or substantial changes to the way the District's police protection services are provided could not become effective unless the changes have first been approved by a majority of the voters.

Signed: Paul Dorroh, 144 York Avenue, Kensington, CA 94708; Pat Gillette, 1Arlington Court, Kensington CA 94707; Gretchen Gillfillan, 744 Coventry Rd., Kensington, CA 94707; Gloria Morrison, 112 Windsor Ave., Kensington, CA 94708

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GATHERER OR A VOLUNTEER. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK.  
ONLY QUALIFIED REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE DISTRICT CAN SIGN