



Citizens' Initiative Review Commission  
Commission Meeting – Ballot Initiative Selection



1:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 8, 2014  
College of Urban & Public Affairs  
Portland State University  
506 S.W. Mill St., Room 511  
Portland, OR 97201

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jerry Hudson, Chair  
Ann Bakkensen  
Mary Forst  
Robin Gumpert  
Kay Ogden  
Marion Sharp  
Daniel Esqueda

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

James Huffman, Vice-Chair  
Mary Forst

**ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT PRESENT:**

Sarah Giles, Administrative Coordinator  
Roslyn Owen, Financial Coordinator

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Tyrone Reitman, Healthy Democracy Executive Director  
Lucy Palmersheim Greenfield, Healthy Democracy Executive Director  
Adam Grabow, Healthy Democracy Executive Director  
Mariah Acton, University of Oregon Graduate Student / Policy Consensus Initiative & Healthy Democracy Intern  
Carrie Bennett, University of Oregon Graduate Student / Policy Consensus Initiative & Healthy Democracy Intern

**Call to Order**

Jerry Hudson, Chair, called the meeting of the Citizens' Initiative Review Commission (CIRC) to order at 1:30 pm., Tuesday, July 8, 2014, at the College of Urban & Public Affairs, Portland State University, 506 S.W. Mill Street, Room 611, Portland. Roll was called.

**Approval of Minutes from Commission Meeting June 6, 2014**

Jerry Hudson made a motion to approve the minutes from the CIRC Commission Meeting on June 6, 2014. Ann Bakkensen seconded the motion. Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the motion.

### **Initiative Selection for 2014 Citizens' Initiative Reviews**

The Commission engaged in a discussion of the initiatives that had turned in signatures at or above the requirements for qualification to the November Ballot. The four initiatives are: Initiative 34: Equal Rights Amendment for Women to Be Equal to Men; Initiative 44: Labeling of Genetically Engineered Raw and Packaged Food; Initiative 53: Control, Regulation, and Taxation of Marijuana and Industrial Hemp Act of 2014; and Initiative 55: Open Primary Initiative. Per statute, the Commission discussed the fiscal impact to the state and the constitutionality of the initiatives. After commissioners individually ranked the initiatives, the Commissioners selected Initiative 44: Labeling of Genetically Engineered Raw and Packaged Food and Initiative 55: Open Primary Initiative, with Initiative 53: Control, Regulation, and Taxation of Marijuana and Industrial Hemp Act of 2014 as the alternative should the other two selections not qualify to the ballot following the Secretary of State's signature verification process. Commissioners also reaffirmed their desire to include clarifying the criteria and establishing by rule additional criteria in the Commission's 2015 Work Plan.

### **Review of Agenda and Operating Procedures for Initiative Review Panels**

Tyrone Reitman from Healthy Democracy shared the draft Agenda and Operating Procedures for Initiative Review Panels. Commissioners discussed the adjustments to the Agenda to accommodate a 3.5 rather than 7 day schedule. Chair Hudson encouraged Commissioners to attend one or both of the CIRs (August 17-20 and August 21-24, Salem Conference Center, Salem). Researchers from Colorado State University and Pennsylvania State University would again be present to conduct an evaluation.

### **Other Business**

CIRC Administrative Coordinator Sarah Giles reported to the Commission that the Temporary Rule on CIR Panelists' Stipends and Travel Reimbursements had been filed with both the Secretary of State's Office and Legislative Counsel. The Commission would need to meet again in the fall (prior to expiration of the Temporary Rule at the end of November) to prepare a Permanent Rule. The Commission also agreed to include a debrief on the August CIRs in a fall meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Prepared by: Sarah Giles,  
Administrative Coordinator