

Notice of Intention to Circulate Petition

Notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate a petition within the County of Mendocino, California, for the purpose of qualifying a citizens' initiative measure for the ballot, to be voted on by the voters of Mendocino County, California.

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

The California Constitution states that all political power is inherent in the people. Government is instituted for their protection, security, and benefit and they have the right to alter or reform it when the public good may require.

As forces outside our county become more powerful, we the citizens of Mendocino County claim the right to become a charter county to have our voices heard on issues that impact our economy, resources and everyday life.

The California Constitution states that a county may adopt a charter by majority vote of its electors, voting on the question. Fourteen counties in California have already elected to become charter counties. By adopting a home rule charter and subsequent amendments, the citizens of these counties have been able to have a greater say in their own governance. Becoming a charter county will empower Mendocino County to become more sustainable and resilient, will allow it to have more autonomy and greater control over County finances, and will provide an ongoing vehicle in which to respond to its citizens' concerns.

Therefore, public interest calls for the election of a charter commission composed of 15 qualified electors of the county, to be elected by the qualified electors of the county, at a special or general election.

Text of the Initiative: *Shall a charter commission be elected to propose a Mendocino County charter?*

Proponents:

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We request that a ballot Title and Summary be prepared.

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