

**MEMORANDUM**

Date: January 12, 2026

To: Lakewood City Council

From: Jay Robb, City Clerk

Re: Final Determination of Sufficiency for Referendum Petitions Against City Ordinances O-2025-27, O-2025-28, O-2025-29, O-2025-30

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Hello Council, this is my final determination report for referendum petitions against City Ordinances O-2025-27, O-2025-28, O-2025-29, and O-2025-30.

Lakewood Municipal Code §2.52.150(A) mandates that the City Clerk shall make a final determination to the City Council within 30 days from the date of filing a referendum petition.

Additionally, pursuant to §2.52.170(A), L.M.C., I am required to make a final sufficiency determination AND determine whether a petition qualifies for a ballot issue election or a ballot question election.

Here is a summary of the referendum petitions received by the City Clerk's Office:

- **O-2025-27:** An Ordinance Amending the Lakewood Zoning Code by Repealing and Replacing Articles 6-14 of Title 17 of the Lakewood Municipal Code. A petition calling for a referendum of Ordinance O-2025-27 was circulated for signature within the forty-five (45) days following its adoption by the City Council and final publication as amended. The Lakewood City Clerk's Office received the signed petition on October 31, 2025, such petition asking to hold a referendum on Ordinance O-2025-27.

Additionally, a protest of the sufficiency of the referendum petitions against O-2025-27 was filed on November 24, 2025. A hearing was held on December 19, 2025, to determine the validity of the matters subject to protest, I rendered a decision on December 31, 2025, finding that the referendum petition did meet all legal sufficiency requirements, all in conformance with §2.52.150(D), L.M.C. and §31-11-110(3), C.R.S.

Listed below is a summary of the number of petitions received and signatures accepted for O-2025-27:

- Petitions Submitted: **59**
- Total Signatures Submitted: **4,633**

- Totals Signatures Initially Accepted: **4,132**
  - Final Signatures Accepted: **4,064**
  - Signatures Threshold for Sufficiency: **3,517**
- **O-2025-28:** An Ordinance Amending the Lakewood Zoning Code by Repealing and Replacing Articles 1, 2, 4 and 5 of Title 17 of the Lakewood Municipal Code. A petition calling for a referendum of Ordinance O-2025-28 was circulated for signature within the forty-five (45) days following its adoption by the City Council and final publication as amended. The Lakewood City Clerk's Office received the signed petition on November 3, 2025, such petition asking to hold a referendum on Ordinance O-2025-28.

Additionally, a protest of the sufficiency of the referendum petitions against O-2025-28 was filed on November 25, 2025. A hearing was held on December 19, 2025, to determine the validity of the matters subject to protest, I rendered a decision on December 31, 2025, finding that the referendum petition did meet all legal sufficiency requirements, all in conformance with §2.52.150(D), L.M.C. and §31-11-110(3), C.R.S.

Listed below is a summary of the number of petitions received and signatures accepted for O-2025-28:

- Petitions Submitted: **50**
  - Total Signatures Submitted: **4,040**
  - Totals Signatures Initially Accepted: **3,697**
  - Final Signatures Accepted: **4,107**
  - Signatures Threshold for Sufficiency: **3,517**
- **O-2025-29:** An Ordinance Amending the Lakewood Zoning Code by Repealing and Replacing Article 3 of Title 17 of the Lakewood Municipal Code. A petition calling for a referendum of Ordinance O-2025-29 was circulated for signature within the forty-five (45) days following its adoption by the City Council and final publication as amended. The Lakewood City Clerk's Office received the signed petition on November 10, 2025, such petition asking to hold a referendum on Ordinance O-2025-29.

Additionally, a protest of the sufficiency of the referendum petitions against O-2025-29 was filed on December 8, 2025. A hearing was held on December 19, 2025, to determine the validity of the matters subject to protest, I rendered a decision on December 31, 2025, finding that the referendum petition did meet all legal sufficiency requirements, all in conformance with §2.52.150(D), L.M.C. and §31-11-110(3), C.R.S.

Listed below is a summary of the number of petitions received and signatures accepted for O-2025-29:

- Petitions Submitted: **55**
  - Total Signatures Submitted: **4,389**
  - Totals Signatures Initially Accepted: **3,986**
  - Final Signatures Accepted: **4,066**
  - Signatures Threshold for Sufficiency: **3,517**
- **O-2025-30:** an Ordinance Amending the Lakewood Zoning Code by Repealing the Existing Zoning Map, Replacing It with the New Zoning Map, and Rezoning Properties Thereby. A petition calling for a referendum of Ordinance O-2025-30 was

circulated for signature within the forty-five (45) days following its adoption by the City Council and final publication as amend. The Lakewood City Clerk's Office received the signed petition on December 5, 2025, such petition asking to hold a referendum on Ordinance O-2025-30.

There was no protest filed for the petitions that were circulated against O-2025-30.

Listed below is a summary of the number of petitions received and signatures accepted for O-2025-30:

- Petitions Submitted: **54**
- Total Signatures Submitted: **4,386**
- Totals Signatures Initially Accepted: **3,929**
- Final Signatures Accepted: **4,013**
- Signatures Threshold for Sufficiency: **3,517**

**Table 1: Summary of Ordinances and Petitions Signatures**

<b>Ordinances</b>	<b>Adopted</b>	<b>Signatures Submitted</b>	<b>Initial Signatures Verified</b>	<b>Final Signatures</b>
<b>O-2025-27</b>	Aug 25	4,633	4,132	4,107
<b>O-2025-28</b>	Sep 25	4,040	3,674	3,697
<b>O-2025-29</b>	Sep 25	4,389	3,986	4,066
<b>O-2025-30</b>	Oct 25	4,368	3,929	4,013

Therefore, it is my FINAL DETERMINATION that the number of valid signatures are above the **3,517** valid signatures needed to bring the referred ordinance back to the City Council for a vote, and upon my review, these referendum petitions would qualify for a ballot question election.

My FINAL SUFFICIENCY DETERMINATION will also be made to the City Council in person on January 12, 2026, to discuss next steps for the Council to take additional action at the January 26, 2026 Council meeting to either: 1) repeal the ordinances in their entirety; or 2) or call a special election for Lakewood voters to adopt or repeal any of the above ordinances not repealed by the City Council at the January 26, 2026 meeting.



Jay Robb, City Clerk

cc: Petition Representatives