



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Elections Division

July 9, 2026

Angie An-Chi Tso
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Acton, MA 01720

Dear Ms. Tso:

I am writing to you as the first of the original ten signers of an initiative petition for “An Act to Restore Sensible Marijuana Policy.” As you are aware, 12,429 additional certified signatures are required to qualify an initiative petition for a law to be printed on the ballot. I am pleased to inform you that 12,551 certified signatures of the 12,889 received by this Office on or before July 1, 2026, have been allowed. The remaining signatures have been disallowed for not being certified, not in conformance with the interpretation of G. L. c. 53, § 22A as set forth in Walsh v. Secretary of the Commonwealth, 430 Mass. 103 (1999), and Hurst v. State Ballot Law Commission, 427 Mass. 825 (1998), or in excess in the allowed number per county. The breakdown is as follows:

County	Total Filed	ALLOWED	DISQUALIFIED ¹	UNCERTIFIED ²	COUNTY EXCESS ³
Barnstable	586	586	0	0	0
Berkshire	0	0	0	0	0
Bristol	2,325	2,316	8	1	0
Dukes	0	0	0	0	0
Essex	1,691	1,608	83	0	0
Franklin	3	3	0	0	0
Hampden	1,529	1,487	39	3	0
Hampshire	51	48	3	0	0
Middlesex	1,581	1,519	62	0	0
Nantucket	0	0	0	0	0
Norfolk	1,114	1,081	32	1	0
Plymouth	839	822	17	0	0
Suffolk	1,369	1,329	39	1	0
Worcester	1,801	1,752	35	14	0
TOTAL	12,889	12,551	318	20	0

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Therefore, the initiative petition will be printed on the November 3, 2026 state election ballot as required by the Constitution.

Very truly yours,



Michelle K. Tassinari
First Deputy Secretary
Director/Legal Counsel
Elections Division

cc: Justin Riemer

¹ “Disqualified” refers to signatures on petitions that were not “exact” copies or that contained any extraneous markings such as highlighting, underlining, or other information, which do not meet the requirements of G. L. c. 53, § 22A as set forth in Walsh v. Secretary of the Commonwealth, 430 Mass. 103 (1999), and Hurst v. State Ballot Law Commission, 427 Mass. 825 (1998).

² “Uncertified” refers to signatures on petitions that are not signed by at least three registrars of voters or election commissioners as required by 950 C.M.R. § 55.02(7).

³ “County Excess” refers to the number of signatures in that county that exceed one-quarter of the total number of certified signatures required for transmission. The maximum number of allowable certified signatures per county is 3,107. .