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INITIATIVE COORDINATOR ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Re: Request for Title and Summary for Proposed Initiative

Dear Ms. Knight:

Pursuant to Article II, Section 10(d) of the California Constitution, I am submitting the attached proposed statewide ballot measure to your office and request that you prepare a title and summary of the measure as provided by law. Included with this submission is the required proponent affidavit signed by the proponent of this measure pursuant to section 9608 of the California Elections Code. I have also included a check to cover the \$200 filing fee.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. If you require additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact my attorney, Thomas Hiltachk, at 455 Capitol Mall, Suite 801, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 442-7757.

Very truly yours,

Bruce E. Harrington

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AFFIDAVIT

I, Bruce E. Harrington, acknowledge that it is a misdemeanor under state law (Section 18650 of the Elections Code) to knowingly or willfully allow the signatures on an initiative petition to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the proposed measure for the ballot. I certify that I will not knowingly or willfully allow the signatures for this initiative to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the measure for the ballot.

Bruce E. Harrington

Dated this 5th day of December, 2003

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INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO VOTERS

SECTION I: TITLE

(a) This measure shall be known and referred to as the DNA Fingerprint, Unsolved Crime and Innocence Protection Act.

SECTION II: FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS OF PURPOSE

The People of the State of California do hereby find and declare that:

- (a) Our communities have a compelling interest in protecting themselves from crime.
- (b) There is critical and urgent need to provide law enforcement officers and agencies with the latest scientific technology available for accurately and expeditiously identifying, apprehending, arresting, and convicting criminal offenders and exonerating persons wrongly suspected or accused of crime.
- (c) Law enforcement should be able to use the DNA Database and Data Bank Program to substantially reduce the number of unsolved crimes; to help stop serial crime by quickly comparing DNA profiles of qualifying persons and evidence samples with as many investigations and cases as necessary to solve crime and apprehend perpetrators; to exonerate persons wrongly suspected or accused of crime; and to identify human remains.
 - (d) Expanding the statewide DNA Database and Data Bank Program is:
- (1) The most reasonable and certain means to accomplish effective crime solving in California, to aid in the identification of missing and unidentified persons, and to exonerate persons wrongly suspected or accused of crime;
- (2) The most reasonable and certain means to solve crime as effectively as other states which have found that the majority of violent criminals have non-violent criminal prior convictions, and that the majority of cold hits and criminal investigation links are missed if a DNA database or data bank is limited only to violent crimes;
- (3) The most reasonable and certain means to rapidly and substantially increase the number of cold hits and criminal investigation links so that serial crime offenders may be identified, apprehended and convicted for crimes they committed in the past and prevented from committing future crimes that would jeopardize public safety and devastate lives; and
- (4) The most reasonable and certain means to ensure that California's Database and Data Bank Program is fully compatible with, and a meaningful part of, the nationwide Combined DNA Index System (CODIS).
- (e) The State has a compelling interest in the accurate identification of criminal offenders, and DNA testing at the earliest stages of criminal proceedings for felony offenses will help

thwart criminal perpetrators from concealing their identities and thus prevent time consuming and expensive investigations of innocent persons.

- (f) The State has a compelling interest in the accurate identification of criminal offenders, and it is reasonable to expect qualifying offenders to provide forensic DNA samples for the limited identification purposes set forth in this chapter.
- (g) Expanding the statewide DNA Database and Data Bank Program is the most reasonable and certain means to ensure that persons wrongly suspected or accused of crime are quickly exonerated so that they may reestablish their standing in the community. Moreover, a person whose sample has been collected for Database and Data Bank purposes must be able to seek expungement of his or her profile from the Database and Data Bank.

SECTION III: DNA AND FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION DATABASE AND DATABANK ACT

CHAPTER 6 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE PENAL CODE (COMMENCING WITH SECTION 295) IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1. PURPOSE AND ADMINISTRATION

Section 295(a) This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the DNA and Forensic Identification Data base Database and Data Bank Act of 1998, as amended.

- (b) The Legislature finds and declares People of the State of California set forth all of the following:
- (1) Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) and forensic identification analysis is a useful law enforcement tool for identifying and prosecuting sexual and violent offenders criminal offenders and exonerating the innocent.
- (2) It is the intent of the Legislature People of the State of California, in order to further the purposes of this chapter, to require DNA and forensic identification databank data bank samples from all persons, including juveniles, for the felony and misdemeanor offenses described in subdivision (a) of Section 296.
- (3) It is necessary to enact this act defining and governing the state's DNA and forensic identification database and databank data bank in order to clarify existing law and to enable the state's DNA and forensic identification database and databank program Forensic Identification Database and Data Bank Program to become a more effective law enforcement tool.
- (c) The purpose of the DNA and forensic identification databank Forensic Identification

 <u>Database and Data Bank Program</u> is to assist federal, state, and local criminal justice and law enforcement agencies within and outside California in the expeditious <u>and accurate</u> detection and prosecution of individuals responsible for sex offenses and other violent crimes, the exclusion of

suspects who are being investigated for these crimes, and the identification of missing and unidentified persons, particularly abducted children.

- (d) Like the collection of fingerprints, the collection of DNA samples pursuant to this chapter is an administrative requirement to assist in the accurate identification of criminal offenders.
- (e) Unless otherwise requested by the Department of Justice, collection of biological samples for DNA analysis from qualifying persons under this chapter is limited to collection of inner cheek cells of the mouth (buccal swab samples).
- (f) The Department of Justice DNA Laboratory may obtain through federal, state, or local law enforcement agencies blood specimens from qualifying persons as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 296, and according to procedures set forth in Section 298, when it is determined in the discretion of the Department of Justice that such specimens are necessary in a particular case or would aid the Department in obtaining an accurate forensic DNA profile for identification purposes.
- (d) (g) The Department of Justice, through its DNA laboratory, shall be responsible for the management and administration of the state's DNA database and databank identification program DNA and Forensic Identification Database and Data Bank Program and for liaison with the Department of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) regarding the state's participation in a national or international DNA database and data bank program such as the FBI's Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) that allows the storage and exchange of DNA records submitted by state and local forensic DNA laboratories nationwide.
 - (e) (h) The Department of Justice shall be responsible for implementing this chapter.
- (1) The Department of Justice DNA Laboratory, the Department of Corrections, the Board of Corrections, and the Department of the Youth Authority shall may adopt policies and enact regulations for the implementation of this chapter, as necessary, to give effect to the intent and purpose of this chapter, and to ensure that databank data bank blood specimens, buccal swab saliva samples, and thumb and palm print impressions as required by this chapter are collected from qualifying offenders persons in a timely manner, as soon as possible after arrest, conviction, or a plea or finding of guilty, no contest, or not guilty by reason of insanity, or upon the any disposition rendered in the case of a juvenile who is adjudged a ward of the court adjudicated under Section 602 of the Welfare and Institutions Code for commission of any of this chapter's enumerated qualifying offenses, including attempts, or when it is determined that a qualifying offender person has not given the required specimens, samples or print impressions. Before adopting any policy or regulation implementing this chapter, the Department of Corrections, the Board of Corrections, and the Department of the Youth Authority, shall seek advice from and consult with the Department of Justice DNA Laboratory Director.
- (2) Given the specificity of this chapter, and except as provided in subdivision (c) of Section 298.1, any administrative bulletins, notices, regulations, policies, procedures, or guidelines adopted by the Department of Justice and its DNA Laboratory, the Department of Corrections, the Department of the Youth Authority, or the Board of Corrections for the purpose of the implementing this chapter are exempt from the provisions of the Administrative Procedure