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March 1, 2004

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Attn: Initiative Coordinator

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Honorable Bill Lockyer:

I Hector Alvarado, the proponent of the proposed initiative: **PUBLIC BENEFITS ELIGIBILITY - #5393** pursuant to the requirements of the steps to qualify an initiative request the following:

An official Title be assigned to this initiative.

A summary of the chief purpose and points of proposed initiative measure be prepared.

Thank you for your immediate attention.

Sincerely

Hector Alvarado

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I Hector Alvarado, 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 wilfully allow the signatures for this initiative to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the measure for the ballot.

Dated this First day of March, 2004

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INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO
THE VOTERS

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

(Here set forth the title and summary prepared by the Attorney General. This title and summary must also be printed across the top of each page of the petition whereon signatures are to appear.)

TO THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA

We, the undersigned, registered, qualified voters of California, residents of _____ County (or City and County), hereby propose amendments to the Constitution of California, relating to eligibility for public benefits, and petition the Secretary of State to submit the same to the voters of California for their adoption or rejection at the next succeeding general election or at any special statewide election held prior to that general election or otherwise provided by law. The proposed constitutional amendment reads as follows:

First--That this measure shall be known and may be cited as the Humane Economic Liberty Program for California (HELP-CAL).

Second--That Article XXXV is added thereto, to read:

ARTICLE XXXV

PUBLIC BENEFITS

SECTION 1. (a) No person shall be denied a state or local public benefit if he or she submits proof that he or she has paid one or more local, state, or federal taxes, and meets applicable conditions of eligibility for the benefits based on income, resources, age, and physical disability.

(b) For purposes of this article the following definitions apply:

(1) "Public benefit" means those activities and functions of state or local government involved in education, housing, welfare, or providing aid or services or both, including health care, developmental services, mental health services, and medical assistance, to those persons who, because of their economic circumstances or social condition, are in need of those benefits.

(2) "Aid" means financial assistance provided to or on behalf of needy persons, including direct money payments and vendor payments.

(3) "Services" means activities and functions on behalf of individuals or families, that are directed toward the improvement of the capabilities of these individuals or families maintaining or achieving a sound family life, rehabilitation, self-care, and economic

independence.

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