

## **Proposed Ballot Initiative:**

### **Full mandatory healthcare funding of the Department of Veterans Affairs**

**WHEREAS, George Washington declared “The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportionate to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their country” , and**

**WHEREAS, When the California National Guard and the United States military has been called upon to send forces into harms way, our brave young men and women in uniform have a dutifully answered the call of service; and**

**WHEREAS, many of those who have served our nation are residents of our great State of California and;**

**WHEREAS, many of those who have served this great nation with honor and dignity now find themselves without adequate medical care as a result of funding inequities and;**

**WHEREAS, it is unconscionable for us as a nation to ask for our U.S. Veterans, California National Guard and Reservists of the United States of America to be willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for freedom and then allow them to receive substandard medical care upon their return home; and**

**WHEREAS, today it is more important than ever to ensure that our veterans have access to excellent health care; and**

**WHEREAS, the voters of California should be permitted to vote their opinion as to whether the federal government should provide the funding that our veterans need in order to receive the best possible care; and**

**WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the public interest to submit this question of policy to the voters of California**

### **NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT:**

**Section 1. We ask the Attorney General to place this enclosed petition and title and summary for ballot initiative in the California Presidential Elections.**

**“Shall the federal government be required to adopt mandatory full funding of the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of ensuring that all eligible honorably discharged U. S. Veterans, Reservists and California National Guard of the United States of America receive quality and accessible healthcare and related services?”**

**Robin Joseph Rustan**

**OFFE California Director of Operations**

**Title and Summary Request;**

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**I, Robin Joseph Rustan, OFFE California Director of Operations**

**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 on the measure for the ballot.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Signature of Proponent)**

**Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2008**