

## CERTIFICATION

I, Lauren Bloemsma, Town Clerk of the Town of Telluride, Colorado in accordance with Article VI of the Town of Telluride Home Rule Charter, make known that I have reviewed the Petitioners' Committee Affidavit, the Circulators' Affidavits, the petition signatures, and the form of an Initiative Petition with the following text:

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Shall the Town of Telluride adopt the following ordinance?

### **Preserve the Character of Telluride by Eliminating Lot Line Vacations**

Whereas: the Town was platted in the late 1800's with a grid system of small lots, which has much to do with how the town has developed over the last century, creating a unique, familiar, small-town, atmosphere,

Whereas: Telluride is designated as a National Historic Landmark District by the National Park Service, one of six historic districts in Colorado,

Whereas: the town of Telluride is losing that small-town feel as multiple lots are being combined into larger lots to build homes out-of-scale with the community,

Whereas: this phenomenon changes the character of neighborhoods and the Town, and is accelerating both the loss of affordable rental housing and the demolition of smaller homes,

Whereas: most of these larger homes are empty for the vast majority of the year and do not contribute to the year-round occupancy and vitality of the neighborhoods or businesses, leaving the neighborhoods "dark" and lifeless,

Whereas: the Land Use Code (LUC) is a dynamic document that the Town uses to direct development in the Town, and it can be and has been altered over time,

Whereas: the people of Telluride feel that the Town must take action to help preserve that which is Telluride,

### **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TELLURIDE:**

That the Land Use Code be amended to not allow the vacation of lot lines in order to combine two or more LUC compliant lots into one (i.e., the creation of larger than average lots for large homes), with the following exceptions:

1. for purposes of commercial development
2. in cases where existing homes or buildings straddle lot lines ("housekeeping")

3. where both HARC (Historical Architectural Review Commission) and P&Z (Planning and Zoning) vote by extraordinary majority to allow the vacation of lot lines for an exceptional public benefit or on site affordable housing.
4. unless required by the underlying zoning in the Hillside Developing Two (HD-2) zone district.

which petition was submitted on May 4, 2015 by a petitioners' committee comprised of Christopher Robert Myers, Stephen Robert McComb and Laura Marie Colbert.

The total number of signatures submitted was two hundred and thirty-five (235). The total number of signatures disqualified due to a discrepancy of address on the voter registration records at the time of signing the petition was four (4). The total number of signatures disqualified due to incomplete information was two (2). The total number of verified signatures of registered electors of the Town was two hundred and twenty-nine (229).

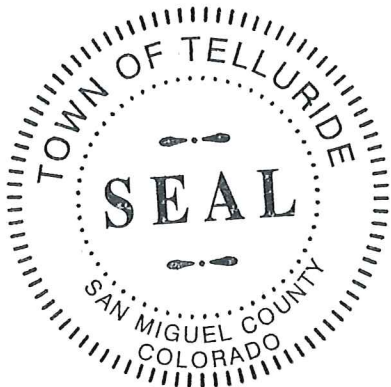
Under Section 6.3 of the Telluride Home Rule Charter, an Initiative Petition signed by registered electors of the Town in number equal to at least 15% of the total number of electors voting at the last regular election, (there were one thousand and thirteen (1013) voters at the November 2013 regular municipal election,) shall be referred to the Telluride Town Council for consideration. Under Section 6.6 Town Council shall either: 1. Adopt the ordinance as submitted by an initiatory petition; or 2. Submit the initiated ordinance to the qualified electors of the Town.


I, Lauren Bloemsma, Town Clerk for the Town of Telluride, Colorado, certify that the two hundred and twenty-nine (229) verified signatures of registered voters is sufficient for consideration by Town Council, and if not adopted, for consideration by the electorate.


This certification of sufficiency does not address the lawfulness or validity of the initiated ordinance but only the form and signatures of the petition to which it is attached.

The Town Council of the Town of Telluride will receive this petition, and the results of the Clerk's certification mailed by United States Mail on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2015.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2015.



  
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Lauren Bloemsma, Town Clerk

  
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Tiffany Kavanaugh, Assistant Clerk