NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CIRCULATE AN INITIATIVE PETITION

Notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate the petition within the City of Arcata for the purpose of prohibiting the modification and/or destruction of the President William McKinley statue and its base and/or the relocation from its historic place in the center of the Arcata Plaza.

We request that a ballot title and summary be prepared for the proposed initiative ordinance.

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Initiative to prohibit the modification and/or destruction of the President William McKinley statue and its base and/or the relocation from its historic place in the center of the Arcata Plaza

Notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate the petition within the City of Arcata and the reasons for the enactment of the proposed ordinance is as follows:

Whereas the statue of President William McKinley was the first major work done by noted Armenian immigrant sculptor, Haig Patigian and

Whereas the statue survived the Great San Francisco Earthquake and Fires of 1906 and

Whereas the statue and its base were a gift to the citizens of Arcata by George Zehndner which he intended as a “gift for all time to come” (Dengler) and

Whereas the Arcata General Plan (H-3g) declares “The following principal features of the Plaza which define its historical character shall be preserved:
1. The McKinley Statue at the center of the Plaza.” and

Whereas the statue has been a key historic feature of the Arcata Plaza since it was erected on July 4, 1906; therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the City of Arcata:

Section 1. The following are prohibited; modification, destruction, relocation from the historic place in the center of the Arcata Plaza of the President William McKinley statue and/or its base

Section 2. If at any time before or after the enactment of this ordinance, the President William McKinley statue and/or its base has been relocated from the historic place in the center of the Arcata Plaza, the City of Arcata is required to expeditiously restore both to that location

Section 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, that invalidity may not affect other provisions or applications of this act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are severable.

Section 4. All laws, regulations, resolutions, or ordinances of the City of Arcata to the contrary are hereby repealed.

Submitted By:
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