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225.3 The Commission shall therefore consist ten male (50%) and ten female (50%), of which eight are Latino (40%), seven are Caucasian (35%), three are Asian (15%), one is African American (5%), and one is Other (5%).

226. MEETINGS; PUBLICATION OF REPORT.

226.1 The Commission shall meet and begin the operations of the Commission as soon as practicable, but no later than August 1, 2023, and conclude its work and publish its report no later than August 1, 2024.

226.2 The Commission shall include in its final report a summary of its findings, conclusions, and recommendations specifically to be published in the Secretary of State's official Voter Information Guide for the 2024 Statewide General Election.

227. QUORUM; VACANCIES.

227.1 After its initial meeting, the Commission shall meet upon the call of the chairman, whom shall be elected together with the vice chairman (as well as any other officers deemed necessary by the members) during their first meeting, or a majority of its members. Twelve members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.

227.2 Any vacancy in the Commission shall not affect its powers but shall be filled in the same manner in which the original vacancy was filled.

228. POWERS OF COMMISSION.

228.1 The Commission or, on the authority of the Commission, any subcommittee or member thereof, may, for the purpose of carrying out this Article: a) hold such hearings and sit and act at such times and places, take such testimony, receive such evidence, administer such oaths; and b) require, by subpoena or otherwise, the attendance and testimony of such witnesses and the production of such books, records, correspondence, memoranda, papers, and documents, as the Commission or such designated subcommittee or designated member may determine advisable.

229.SUBPOENAS.

229.1 In general, a subpoena may be issued under this subsection only: a) by

the agreement of the chairman and the vice chairman; or b) by the affirmative vote of 11 members of the Commission.

229.2 Subject to clause (a), subpoenas issued under this subsection may be issued under the signature of the chairman or any member designated by a majority of the Commission, and may be served by any person designated by the chairman or by a member designated by a majority of the Commission.

229.2 In the case of contumacy or failure to obey a subpoena issued under this Act, the United States district court for the judicial district in which the subpoenaed person resides, is served, or may be found, or where the subpoena is returnable, may issue an order requiring such person to appear at any designated place to testify or to produce documentary or other evidence.

229.3 Any failure to obey the order of the court may be punished by the court as a contempt of that court.

230. COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION.

230.1 The members of the Commission shall be compensated at the rate of three hundred thirty-five dollars (\$335) for each day the member is engaged in Commission business.

230.2 The members of the Commission shall be eligible for reimbursement of personal expenses incurred in connection with the duties performed pursuant to this act. A member's residence is hereby deemed to be the member's post of duty for purposes of reimbursement of expenses.

231. APPROPRIATIONS OF STATE FUNDS FOR COMMISSION.

231.1 For the fiscal year starting July 1, 2023, the Governor shall include in the Governor's Budget submitted to the Legislature pursuant to Section 12 of Article IV of the California Constitution amounts of funding for the Commission established by this act that are sufficient to meet the Commission's estimated expenses.

231.2 The Legislature shall make the necessary appropriation in the budget act for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2023 to ensure the Commission may start and complete its work on time.

231.3 The Governor shall make adequate office space available for the operation of the Commission.

Initiative Measure To Be Submitted Directly To The Voters

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Places question of whether California should leave the United States on a future ballot. Treats result of such future vote as a vote of no confidence in the United States and an expression of the electorate's desire for California to be an independent country if: (1) 50 percent of registered voters participate in election; and (2) 55 percent of those voting approve. Creates commission to evaluate and report on California's current ability to govern itself independently, and California's future economic and political viability as an independent country.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Around \$1 million in added state costs for a new state commission on national sovereignty and independence. Potential state and local election administration costs in the tens of millions of dollars to ask voters to respond to a question on independence. Unknown, potentially major, fiscal effects if California voters approved changes to the state's relationship with the United States at a future election after the approval of this measure. (20-0001A1.)

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All signers of this petition must be registered to vote in _____ County.

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REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY

1.	Print Your Name: _____ Sign As Registered to Vote: _____	Residence Address ONLY: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____	
2.	Print Your Name: _____ Sign As Registered to Vote: _____	Residence Address ONLY: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____	
3.	Print Your Name: _____ Sign As Registered to Vote: _____	Residence Address ONLY: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____	
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DECLARATION OF CIRCULATOR

(to be completed after signatures have been obtained)

I, _____, am 18 years of age or older.
print full name

My residence address is _____.
address, city, state, zip code

I circulated this section of the petition and witnessed each of the appended signatures being written. Each signature on this petition is, to the best of my information and belief, the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. All signatures on this document were obtained between the dates of _____ and _____.
month/day/year month/day/year

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____, _____, at _____, California. **Signature of Circulator:** _____
month/day year place of signing

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To the Honorable Secretary of State of California:

We, the undersigned, registered, qualified voters of California, residents of the county identified herein, hereby propose an amendment to the Constitution of California and to the Elections Code relating to the establishment of an independence plebiscite 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 statutory amendments (full title and text of the measure) read as follows:

CALEXIT: THE CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENCE PLEBISCITE OF 2024

An act to add Article 6 to Chapter 1 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Government Code, relating to the establishment of a commission of inquiry on California sovereignty and independence from the United States of America, and Division 22 to the Elections Code, relating to an independence plebiscite.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. THE INDEPENDENCE PLEBISCITE OF 2024

Division 22 is hereby added to the Elections Code, to read: DIVISION 22. THE INDEPENDENCE PLEBISCITE OF 2024

22002. On November 5, 2024, the election date for even-year statewide elections established by Division 1 of this Code, the Secretary of State shall submit the following independence plebiscite question to the voters: “Should California leave the United States and become a free and independent country?”

22003. The words “Yes” and “No” on separate lines with an enclosed voting space to the right of each shall be placed to the right of the independence plebiscite question.

22004. The independence plebiscite shall constitute a vote of no confidence in the United States of America and an expression of the will of the people of California to become a free and independent country if both of the following conditions are met: (1) At least 50% of registered voters participate. (2) At least 55% vote “Yes”.

22005. Pursuant to the conditions in Section 22004 having been met, the independence plebiscite shall be deemed approved by the voters of this

state. As a result, the will of the people of California to establish a free and independent country shall be in the public record.

22006. Pursuant to the conditions in Section 22004 having been met, neither California’s system of government nor its relationship with the United States shall change.

22007. Pursuant to the conditions in Section 22004 having been met, the United States national flag shall be removed from public display at all California government buildings, including the State Capitol, and at all public properties under the jurisdiction of the California state government.

22008. The California state flag shall thereafter be displayed in position of first honor at all California government buildings, including the State Capitol, and at all public properties under the jurisdiction of the California state government.

22009. For the fiscal year starting July 1, 2024, the Governor shall include in the Governor’s Budget submitted to the Legislature pursuant to Section 12 of Article IV of the California Constitution amounts of funding necessary for the Independence Plebiscite to be held pursuant to the provisions of this act.

22010. The Legislature shall make the necessary appropriation in the budget act for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2024 to ensure the independence plebiscite question is added to the 2024 election ballot in accordance with the provisions of this act.

SECTION 2. THE CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The following Article is hereby added to Chapter 1 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Government Code, as follows: ARTICLE 6. THE CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND

INDEPENDENCE FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA [220-225]

220. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION.

220.1 The Commission on National Sovereignty and Independence from the United States of America (in this Article referred to as the “Commission”) is hereby established as an independent, nonpartisan commission of inquiry.

220.2 It is the sense of the people of California that individuals serving on the Commission should be prominent residents of the state with significant depth of experience in such professions as governmental service, law, public administration, economics, commerce, business, civil rights, academics, and history.

220.3 It is the intent of the people of California to create a Commission that is independent from legislative influence and reasonably representative of the state’s diversity.

221. PURPOSE AND FUNCTION.

221.1 The purpose and function of the Commission is to prepare a complete public report on California sovereignty and independence from the United States of America, and to specifically: a) ascertain, evaluate, and report on the current ability of the State of California to govern itself independently should the need arise due to an unforeseen collapse of the United States government, open rebellion, revolution, or in the event of civil war. b) ascertain, evaluate, and report on the future economic and political viability of California as an independent country, including its ability to defend itself; c) ascertain, evaluate, and report on the global use of ranked-choice voting and other proportional representation systems, and recommend which, if any, should be established in the event California becomes an independent country; d) study, evaluate, and report on the global use of plebiscites as a peaceful means to obtaining independence; e) analyze and report to the public on its findings, conclusions, and recommendations.

222. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION.

1.1 The Commission shall be composed of 20 members, of whom – (1) Ten (10) shall be male

(2) Ten (10) shall be female

(3) Eight (8) shall identify as “Latino”

(4) Seven (7) shall identify as “Caucasian”

(5) Three (3) shall identify as “Asian”

(6) One (1) shall identify as “African American”

(7) One (1) shall identify as “Other” race

223. QUALIFICATIONS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS TO SERVE.

223.1 An individual may not serve on the Commission if he or she is an officer or employee of the Federal Government of the United States, or any State or local government.

223.2 The people of California hereby establish the following additional criteria for serving on the Commission:

a) No person shall be eligible to serve on the Commission who has not been a resident of the State of California for at least five (5) years immediately preceding November 8, 2022.

b) No person shall be eligible to serve on the Commission who has not earned a degree from an institution accredited by the University of California.

c) No person shall be eligible to serve on the Commission who, within the 10 years immediately preceding November 8, 2022, neither the applicant, nor a member of his or her immediate family, may have done any of the following: (1) Been appointed or elected to any federal or state office, or (2) Served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of a qualified political party or of the campaign committee or a candidate for elective federal or state office, or (3) Served as a member of a qualified political party central committee, or (4) Been a registered federal, state, or local lobbyist, or, (5) Served as paid congressional, legislative, or Board of Equalization staff member, or (6)

Contributed \$2,000 or more to any congressional, state, or local candidate for elective public office.

d) No person shall be eligible to serve on the Commission who were staff or consultants to, persons under a contract with, or any person with an immediate family relationship with the Governor, a member of the Legislature, a current or former member of the United States Congress, or a member of the State Board of Equalization. (1) As used in the above subdivision d, a member of a person’s “immediate family” is one with whom the person has a bona fide relationship established through blood or legal relation, including parents, children, siblings, and in-laws.

224. CANDIDATE APPLICATION PROCESS

224.1 Any person qualified to serve on the Commission pursuant to Section 223 of this Act may declare their candidacy by submitting to the Secretary of State an application of interest that is substantially biographical in nature. **224.2** The application of interest shall include, but shall not be limited to, each of the following biographical pieces of information, but may contain any such information deemed necessary and appropriate by the Secretary of State:

a) Full legal name

b) Date of birth

c) Sex as indicated on birth certificate

d) Race (options shall be limited to: “Latino”, “Caucasian”, “Asian”, “African-American”, “Other” and applicants shall be instructed to choose the category that best represents their race.)

e) Current home address

f) Date California residency established

g) Name of educational institution attended

h) Dates attended and date of graduation

i) Type and field of degree earned

224.3 The Secretary of State shall additionally create declarations under penalty of perjury affirming the above information, as well as affirming that the applicant is in fact eligible to serve on the Commission (is not disqualified per Section 223 of this Act) to be signed before a witness at the time of application.

224.4 The applicant shall be required to submit a copy of his or her birth certificate, passport, driver license, or other government-issued document verifying the applicant’s name, date of birth, and sex.

224.5 The applicant shall be required to submit a copy of his or her driver license or other government-issued document verifying the applicant’s current home address.

224.6 The applicant shall be required to submit a copy of his or her degree, transcripts, or other document issued by the educational institution verifying the applicant received a degree upon their successful completion of study.

224.7 The applicant shall be required to submit the names, addresses, and signatures of a hundred registered voters, who, by providing their signatures, nominate the applicant as a candidate to serve on the Commission.

224.8 The Secretary of State shall establish a process substantially similar to the process by which a candidate is nominated as a candidate for elective office by petition, including a procedure to verify signatures.

225. SELECTION PROCESS

225.1 The Secretary of State, using data obtained from the applicants’ applications of interest, shall create a master pool of candidates from which twenty will be randomly chosen.

225.2 The random selection of candidates shall take place substantially in the following manner: a) Applicants shall be categorized based on the biographical information provided in their applications of interest such so that each candidate is categorized into the appropriate sex and race groups. b) The applicants shall first be divided into a male pool and a female pool of candidates. c) Using racial data obtained from the male applicants’ applications of interest, 4 Latino, 3 Caucasian, 2 Asian, and 1 Other shall be selected randomly from the male pool of candidates, so that there are ten males fairly representative of

THE CASE FOR INDEPENDENCE EIGHT SIMPLE POINTS

1. PEACE AND SECURITY

California as an independent country will have a defense budget that will allow California to defend itself, but since we'll no longer be paying for American wars, occupation, and its military industrial complex, we will be able to reappropriate tens of billions of dollars each year to improve education, fully fund healthcare, and rebuild our infrastructure.

2. ELECTIONS AND GOVERNMENT

California's electoral votes haven't affected a presidential election since 1876. Why should we keep subjecting ourselves to presidents we play little to no role in electing? Why should 382 representatives and 98 senators we can't even vote for make our laws?

3. DEBT AND TAXES

Since 1987, California has been subsidizing red state America at a cost of tens and sometimes hundreds of billions of dollars a year. As a result, we are often forced to raise taxes and charge fees in California, and borrow money from the future, to make up the difference. Independence ends California's role as a donor state, thus allowing us to lower taxes.

4. IMMIGRATION

As a state, our immigration system was largely designed by the 49 other states. This system neglects the needs of California's unique economy and has hurt too many California families. As an independent country, California will be able to establish its own immigration policies that make sense specifically for California, and represent California values.

5. NATURAL RESOURCES

Independence means we take control of our natural resources and become the sole beneficiary of royalties collected from their extraction. Or decide as a nation that certain resources shouldn't be extracted. The point is that the decision will be ours. By the way, how's the federal government been managing all those federal lands in California?

6. THE ENVIRONMENT

California is a global leader on environmental issues. Many within the American government deny the environmental and climate issues California faces. Independence means we will be able to negotiate treaties to not only reduce the human impact on our climate but also to help build a sustainable world.

7. HEALTH AND MEDICINE

Independence means we can fund the healthcare programs we want and ensure everyone has access to the medicines they need. Finally, California can join the rest of the industrialized world in guaranteeing universal healthcare. All because we'll be spending less on the military and no longer subsidizing red state America.

8. EDUCATION

Independence means we will be able to fully fund public education, rebuild and modernize public schools, and pay public school teachers the salaries they deserve, all because we'll be spending less on the military and no longer subsidizing red state America.

PETITION FORM EXPLAINER AND GUIDE

GENERAL INFORMATION

Thank you for downloading the petition form for the California independence referendum ballot measure, "CALEXIT: The California Independence Plebiscite of 2024."

This ballot measure was submitted to the California Attorney General's Office by Marcus Ruiz Evans, president of the **YesCalifornia Independence Campaign**, on July 29, 2020 and received its official circulating title and summary on September 9, 2020.

The purpose of this petition is to collect the required number of signatures to qualify this measure for the 2022 ballot. If voters approve the measure in November, 2022, the state of California will put an independence referendum before the voters on Election Day in 2024.

In order to qualify this measure for the ballot:
we need to collect **623,212 signatures** by **Tuesday, March 9, 2021**.

ABOUT THE PETITION

The State of California has many requirements governing the circulation of petitions. They specify that certain fonts and text sizes be used, and require that certain texts and notices be included on the petition. In addition, they specify margin widths and which information a voter must provide in addition to their signature. On top of all that, they require the **full text** of the measure to be printed on each petition form.

All of this makes formatting a petition a bit of a science and an art. In this case, it was necessary to format the petition to be printed on both sides of **11x17-inch paper**. It is not physically possible to fit everything onto standard 8.5x11-inch paper, regardless of how much easier it would be for everybody (including us).

Please, print this petition on both sides of 11x17-inch paper.



INFORMATION FOR CIRCULATORS

Each petition form contains enough space for six signatures. In order to comply with all state requirements, this petition has been formatted specifically to 11x17-inch paper (as opposed to 8.5x11-inch paper.)

When printing this petition, print double-sided on 11x17-inch paper only!

Everyone who signs a petition **must be registered voters and they must be registered to vote in the same county**. If you have friends and family members from different counties, you will need a separate petition form for each county.

Remind everyone who signs that their **signature must match** the signature on file with the Registrar of Voters. If they add their signature to this petition, and it differs from what is on file, then their signature will likely not be accepted!

There is a declaration of circulator section on the last page of the petition. **You must fill this out and sign it for every petition form you collect signatures on**. Even if you intend to just sign your name and return the petition, you must fill out the declaration on Page 4.

Please use only blue or black ballpoint pen on the petition.

At the top of each signature section, you must write in the name of the county where the people who sign the petition are registered to vote. You may collect signatures in one or any county but all signatures on a petition form must be registered voters from the **same county**. Write the name of that county on the line above the signature table. You may both sign the petition and be the petition circulator.

Only registered voters can sign this petition form. If someone is not registered to vote, or unsure of their voter registration information, kindly suggest that they register to vote online at www.registertovote.ca.gov. It only takes a couple of minutes. Alternatively, you can keep paper voter registration cards with you and allow them to register to vote that way. Don't forget to put their registration form in the mail!

You may not use any information collected on this petition form for any reason besides qualifying the proposed measure for the ballot.

You have the right to circulate this petition and collect signatures on private property such as in shopping malls. If you are approached by security asking you to leave, stand your ground and refer to the 2007 decision by the California Supreme Court in Fashion Valley Mall v. National Labor Relations Board. Considering taking a copy of this ruling with you.

Turn in your completed petition forms to your local Yes California representative, or to one of the sorting offices in your region.

HOW TO RETURN THE PETITION

Please return your completed petitions via mail to one of the following addresses, preferably to the address that is closest to you:

Yes California
6083 N. Figarden Drive
Fresno, CA 93722

Independent CA
300 Long Beach Blvd,
Long Beach, CA 90802-9991

HOW TO CONTACT IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

If you have any questions or problems with this petition, or would like to get in contact with the campaign for another reason, please do not hesitate to contact us by e-mail or by phone.

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