

Citizen Initiative – Hughes Stadium Property

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Hughes Stadium Petition

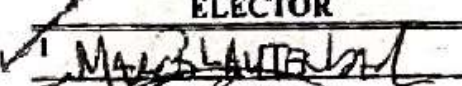
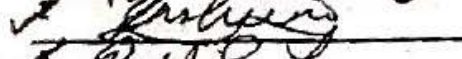

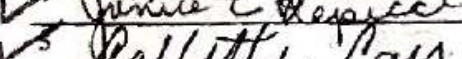
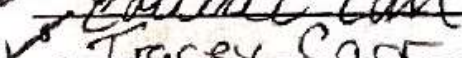



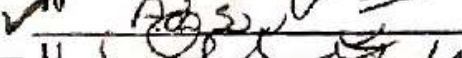
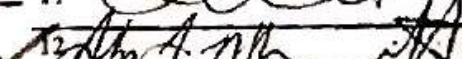
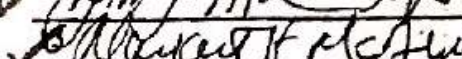
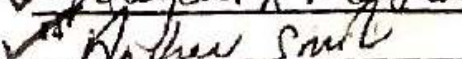
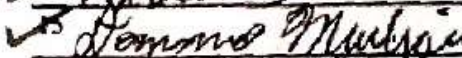
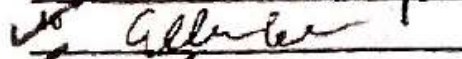
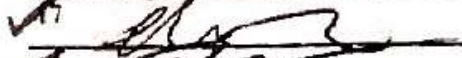

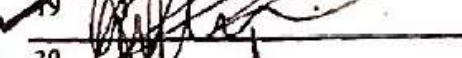
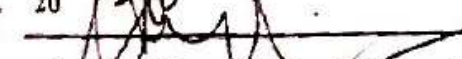

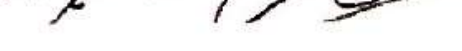
- **April 3, 2025**
 - Petition Representatives submitted and Initiative Petition to the Clerk's Office
- **April 10, 2025**
 - Form of Initiative Petition approved for circulation
 - 450 petition sections were created allowing for up to 30 signatures per section (started on April 10)
- **June 10, 2025**
 - Returned Petition to the Clerk's Office on June 10, 2025 (Deadline was June 11)
 - Included 317 Petition Sections
 - Petition Representatives estimated they had obtained more than 7,300 valid signatures
 - 5,070 signatures were needed



What does 7,000 signatures look like?



Petition Signatures Sample

SIGNATURE OF ENROLLED ELECTOR	PRINTED NAME OF ELECTOR	BIRTH DATE	STREET ADDRESS
✓ 	MARC B. LAUTENBACH	6/1/61	11 Club Rd Riverside, Ct
✓ 	Jasheene	10/1/62	73 Lockwood Ln
✓ 	Ralph Layman	07/1/55	73 Lockwood Ln
✓ 	Janice Repicci	11/1/53	56 Willowmere Circle
✓ 	Collette Carr	8/1/46	45 Breezemoor Ave
✓ 	" " "	6/3/66	Tracey Carr
✓ 	Dina Murphy	5/1/73	15 Pinchard Ln
✓ 	BRIGIANA PINTO	07/1/74	29 Westkumwood Rd
✓ 	PETER GRUNOW	11/1/59	21 Westkum Wood
✓ 	Peter DeVries	11/1/75	12 Westkum "
✓ 	Lisa Vanderwaal	3/1/83	50 Westkum "
✓ 	Jack McDermott	05/1/52	14 Overlake Way
✓ 	Peggy McDermott	10/1/54	" "
✓ 	Andrew Smul	6/1/78	15 Lake Dr South
✓ 	Domenico Murliacic	8/1/97	31 Lake Drive South
✓ 	Ella Cohen	11/1/73	50 Lake Dr South
✓ 	Alison Fels	12/1/73	22 Toward Ln
✓ 	Jacqueline Roman	11/1/21	44 Westkumwood/Riverside
✓ 	John Stork	1/1/60	19 Willow
✓ 	Jason LaFrie	02/1/71	50 Willow
✓	Jason LaFrie	10/1/68	33 Willowmere Cir

How Does a Petition Check Work?

Menu Commands

Enter Voter Name (ex: smith,m)

Or

Enter Street Address (ex: smith,514)

Select Record to View Detail Information

Generate Alpha List

Perform Custom Search

Name:

Address:

City:

Birth Year:

Reg Eff Date:

County Reg Date:

County Reg Date:

Voter ID:

Voter Status:

County Pct:

City Dist:

City Limits:

Petition No. 1:

Also Signed
Petition(s):

AD

RL

RBD

RRD

Section (if Out)

Data Current
as of
7/2/2025

Petition
Approved as
of 7/8/2025

Reports

Report of R Voters
by Petition

Report of AD Voters
by Petition

Report of RL Voters
by Petition

Report of RBD Voters
by Petition

Report of RRD Voters
by Petition

Petition Check – 1st Round

Affidavit _____ Circulator info complete _____ Notary date matches circulator date _____ Seal and commission date present		After Completion _____ Reports run and OK _____ Double checked by: _____	Section No. _____ Staff Initials: _____
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Petition Verification Codes		
Count	Code	Reason
	R	Registered to vote at in-city address listed on petition.
	AD	Address listed on petition is different than address in voter registration records. (Write address found in database on the documentation sheet.)
	RL	Registration date is LATER than date on petition. (Write registration date on entry.)
	NR	Signer not registered to vote at an address inside the city limits but has Fort Collins address.
	NA	No address given by signer.
	O	Address given on the petition is out-of-city or signer is registered outside of Fort Collins.
	SS	Signature was struck before petition was submitted, two lines used for signing, etc.
	M	Multiple individuals of same name, none registered at address listed. (Write "None at this address".)
	PI	Petition irregularity (entire petition is rejected). Reasons: not notarized or improperly notarized; petition section unstapled; appears that signatures were forged; etc. Describe: _____
	I	Illegible. Line(s): _____
	D	Date problem. (Last line[s] not dated or dated later than circulator/notary.)
	X	Other miscellaneous problems (signed as Mrs.; signed as John and Betty Jones; nickname used that is not commonly known to be associated with certain names [such as Skip]). Describe: _____
	ST	Signed twice (or more). Use this for the second and subsequent signatures found. The first signature counts if it's an R. Enter the second and third petition section numbers that the individual signed. The database will generate a list of those individuals who signed more than one petition.
	RBD	Research birth date. Use this for any person born in the year 2007 or later. Additional research will need to be done through Larimer County to verify that signer was 18 as of the date he/she signed the petition. Line(s): _____
	RRD	Research registration date. Registration date is later than date signed but may be deceiving. Line(s): _____
	BLNK	Blank Lines

	TOTAL (should match number of lines on petition)
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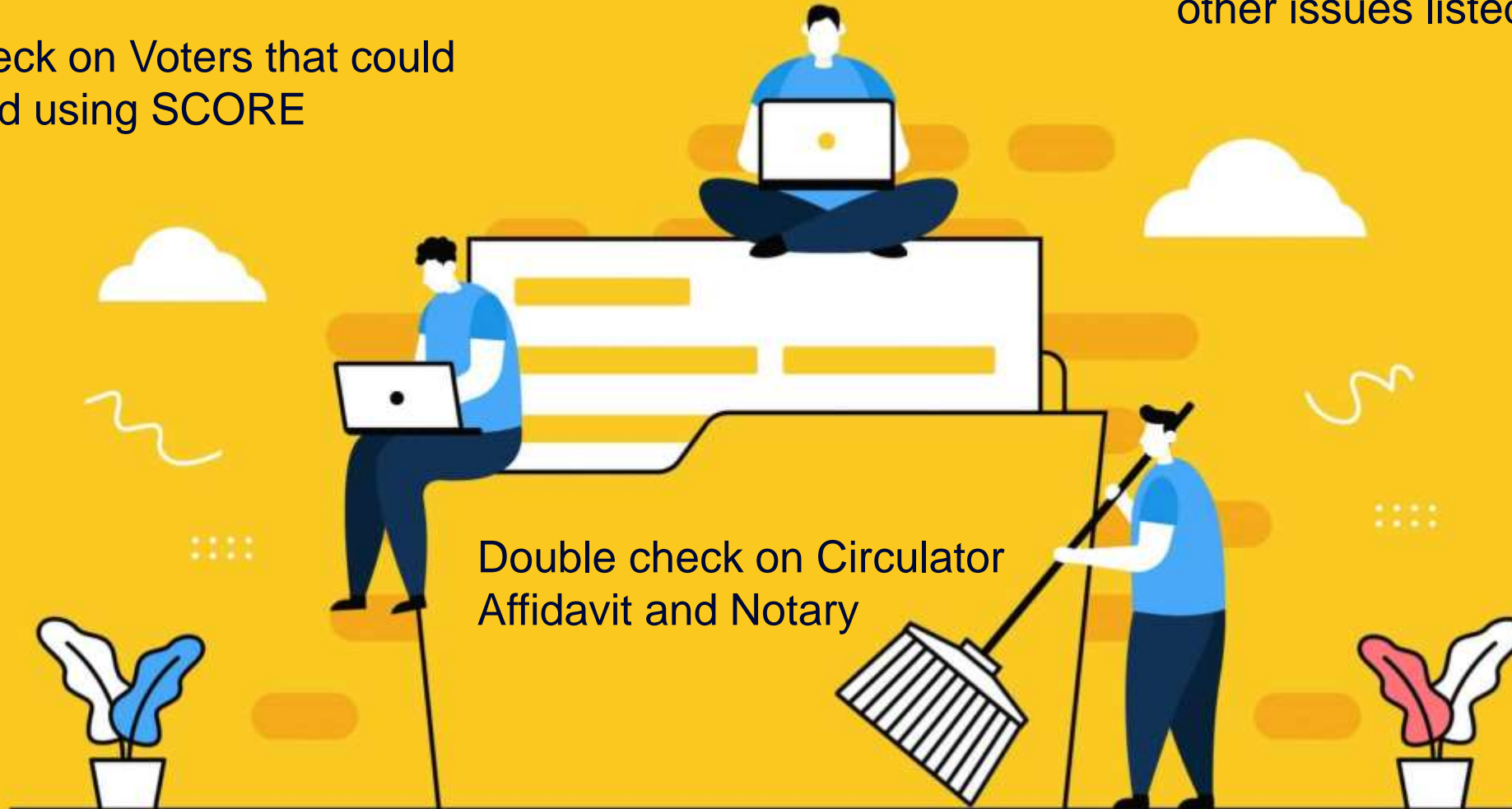
Section #: <u>416</u>		Staff Name: <u>Alia Jackson</u>	
Exhibit Book #: _____		Date Petition Checked: <u>6/19/2025</u>	

Line Number	Valid (R)	Invalid (Enter Code)	Notes
1		NR	name not in database/address outside city limits
2	R		
3		NR	name not in database SOS-registered in Greeley
4		NR	name not in database SOS-registered in Loveland
5		NR	name not in database/address outside any limits
6	R		6325 Ridge Wood Ave
7		NR	name not in database/address outside any limits
8	R		101 Victoria
9	R		
10		NR	name not in database/address outside city limits
11	R		351 High Ct
12	R		3717 S Taft Hill
13		NR	name not in database/address outside any limits
14		XNR	look at sticky note/outside city limits
15	R		
16		NR	name not in database/address outside any limits
17	R		8405 Cindy Ln
18		NR	name not in database 1502 S Summit View outside city limits
19		SS	Struck
20		NR	name not in database/address outside city limits
21		NR	name not in database/address outside city limits
22		NR	name not in database/address outside any limits
23	R		
24		AD	1117 Akin Ave DB matches SOS
25	R		
26	R		
27		SS	Struck
28	R		
29	R		
30	R		
Totals		14	16
Reviewed by: <u>Cecilia Good</u>			

Petition Checks – 2nd Round – Scrubbing

Double-Check on Voters that could not be found using SCORE

Double-Check on address and other issues listed



Double check on Circulator
Affidavit and Notary

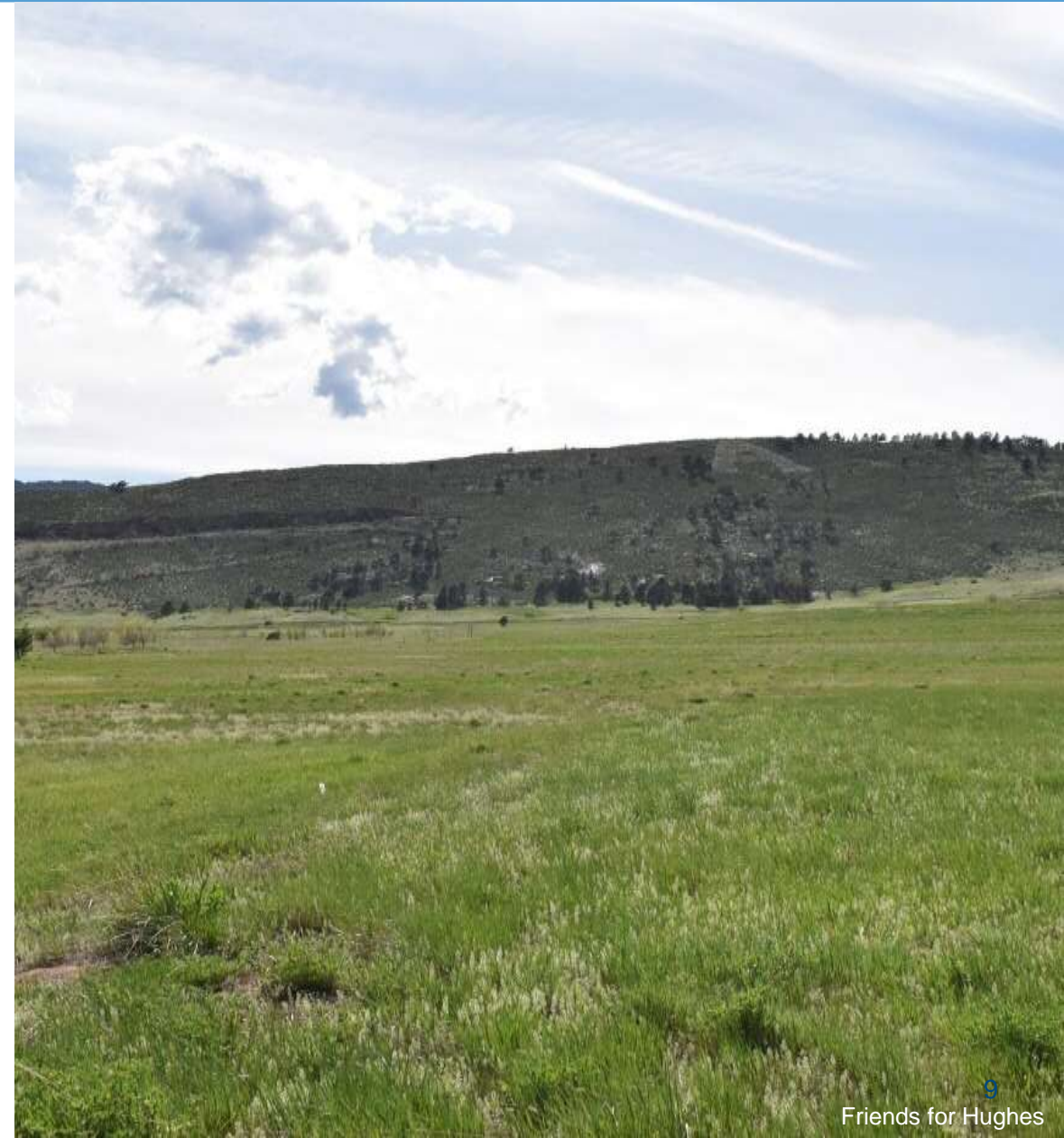


Triple-check on names
we cannot find

Addition of Confidential
Voters

Hughes Stadium Petition

- **June 10, 2025**
 - Started checking signatures
 - More than 7,500 signatures checked
 - 6,301 valid signatures were identified as part of petition check
 - 5,070 valid signatures were needed
- **June 25, 2025**
 - Statement of sufficiency issued
- **July 2, 2025**
 - Deadline for Protests
 - Protest received on July 2, 2025
 - Protest was withdrawn on July 3, 2025
 - Most allegations were related to campaign finance



Option 1

- Adopt the proposed citizen ordinance without alterations within 30 days.

Option 2

- Submit the proposed measure to the registered electors of the City.
- Must be submitted in the form petitioned for.

Option 1 – Citizen Ordinance

- Ordinance No.126, 2025
- Would adopt the citizen-initiated ordinance regarding preserving and establishing the use for the entire former Hughes Stadium Property as a City natural area without alteration.
- Council can adopt or consider Resolution 2025-073 which would submit the measure and establish the ballot language.

- Resolution 2025-073
- Adopts the ballot title and submission clause of the measure
- Submits the citizen-initiated ordinance regarding preserving and establishing the use for the entire former Hughes Stadium Property as a City natural area to a vote of registered electors.
- November 4, 2025 regular election.

PROPOSED CITIZEN-INITIATED ORDINANCE

An ordinance modifying the citizen-initiated ordinance approved by the registered electors in April 2021, which required the City of Fort Collins to acquire, rezone and use for specified purposes the approximately 165-acre parcel of real property formerly home to the Hughes Stadium, so as to require that the property be used 100% as a City natural area.

FOR THE ORDINANCE _____

AGAINST THE ORDINANCE _____

- City Code allows any registered elector to protest a ballot title or submission clause.
- Protest Deadline: Monday, July 14, 2025 (by noon).
- If any are received, a public hearing will be added to the agenda and must take place before Council can adopt the Resolution.



Questions?