17-0005 California Autonomy Petition Instructions

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		mmission on California autonomy and independence tate's relationship with the United States at a future el			We the understand registered qualifie	To the Honorable Secretary of State of California We, the undersigned, registered, qualified voters of California, residents of the county identified herein, hereby propose amendments to the Constitution of California and the Government Code, relating to the				
changes	to the s			is ineasure.	formation of a new commission and per	termatics of a new commission and petition the Secretary of State to submit the same absolute interest propose an attenuation as an extraction of control of the secretary of State to submit the same to the waters 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 as otherwise provided by law. The proposed constitutional and statatory amendments (full title and text of the measure) read as follows:				
			TO THE PUBLIC		SECTION 1. Findings and Declarations	debt so poorly valued that California needs	27. Thus, in engaging with the American	with California's Congressional delegation	negotiations for autonomy and independence	
		ITION MAY BE CIRCULATED BY A PAID SIGNATU			The People of the State of California find and	the United States' larger economic weight to	system of government, Californians should see it for what it was designed to be, not a	regarding these negotiations. 4. Other details of these negotiations may be	with the federal government	
THE PE	OPONE	ENTS OF THIS PROPOSED INITIATIVE MEASURE H		RAW THIS PETITION AT ANY TIME BEFO	ORE 1. California, while currently a state, is also a	emergencies. In fact, California's economy is	democracy in the modern sense of the word,	provided by statute. 5. The People of the State of California call.	already has the legal authority to exercise	
			ALIFIES FOR THE BALLOT.			highly diversified and growing faster than the United States' economy as a whole.	renshican enversance while at the same time		but does not (h) legal strategies that would allow	
All signers	of this pe	tition must be registered to vote in	County.	Last column for official use only	Part I: ON CALIFORNIA AS A NATION IN ITS OWN RIGHT		protecting entrenched power. As abolitionist Frederick Douglass noted in his own struggle	(a) to support California in negotiations with s the federal government, and to maximize its		
		Name	Address ONLY		California has a history as a recognizable polity going back further than the American	military, more than the next seven countries combined. California taxpayers' share of this	with the United States, power concedes nething without a demand.	leverage in these negotiations. (b) to help faster a sense of common identity	autonomy aiready gained (i) forms of autonomy that California could	
		Sign as Registered to vote.	City	No.	Revolution. 3. California consistently ranks as one of the	is more than 70 billion dollars annually. 15. In contrast, Canada, a country similar to	Part 5: ON WAYS FORWARD 28. If Californians wish to live in a	and shared interests among all Californians that transcends the political divisions of the	reasonably demand from the federal government, given its leverage	
	\vdash	2. Print your	Residence			California in population size and economic	democracy, we have three options: (a) fundamental reforms to the American	United States.	(i) leval avenues that would allow California	
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		to vote	City	ap	higher education, and many other fields. 4. Californians have a shared set of values,	commitments while spending about 15 billion dellars a year. In essence, excessive military	representation and an affirmative right of all adult citizens to vote	(a) to buffer Californians against chaos, disfunction, and uncertainty at the federal	an amendment to the United States Constitution	
		3. Print your Name	Residence Address ONLY		distinct both from those of Americans and other peoples, that contribute to our success:	spending alone costs California taxpayers more than 55 billion dollars a year.	(b) significant autonomy within the United States for California, whereby decisions at the	level. (b) to pursue reforms to California's system o	(j) legal avenues that would allow California of so become an independent country, without	
		Sign as Registered			(a) a focus on the future: not merely what was or what is, but what is possible.	16. California is clearly willing and able to administer its own tax dollars. When follows	federal level have little impact on the lives of Californians		requiring an amendment to the United States	
	-	to vote	City		(b) respect for scientific knowledge,	and state spending is taken as a whole, nearly half of that is administrated by state and local	(c) California becoming an independent	California to operate as an independent country, to the extent possible under the United States Constitution.	(k) how international law might help California achieve greater autonomy and in	
		Name	Address ONLY		(c) a belief that people of all backgrounds are	governments, with another sixth, mostly Social Security, disbursed according to a	29. Paradoxically, the first of these options,	7. Sections 5 and 6 of this Article are advisor	y full independence	
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- 1		S. Print your	Residence		 (d) a deep commitment to democracy in the airconcest sense of the word 	17. There is nothing that would, in principle, keep Californians from better administering	would require amending the United States Constitution	SECTION 4. The Juan Bautista Alvarado Commission on Autonomy and Independence	achieves greater autonomy, including full	
		Name	Address ONLY		5. California is an influential and well-known	that sixth or the remaining third ourselves. For example, the federal government spends	r 30. In contrast, California could legally gain significant autonomy through a series of	SECTION 4.1. Chapter 11.3, "The Juan Bautista Alvarado Commission on Autonomy	8851 2. The commission shall publish one or more preliminary reports covering each of	
		to vote	City	Zp	fight against climate change.	significant amounts of money on science and higher education, but California leads the	ordinary acts of Congress. If tradition and	and Independence" is added to Division 1 of	the topics in Section 8851.1 no later than one	
		6. Print your Name	Residence Address ONLY		 California's borders are not arbitrary lines on a map but reflect real physical geography. 		political pressure were not enough to keep the United States from later revoking this	Article I. Purnose	year after its first meeting. 8851.3. In carrying out its duales and	
		Sign as Registered to vote	City	70	 California is tightly integrated economically and by water, electrical, and 	18. In sum, California's fiscal relationship with the United States costs Californians	autonomy, it could be kept in place with contracts and other legal mechanisms. And	8849.1. There is in the state government the Juan Baseista Alvanado Commission on	responsibilities, the commission shall have the same powers granted to the Little Hoover	
		7. Print your	Residence		transportation infrastructure. Part 2: ON CALIFORNIA'S DIFFICULTIES	about one hundred billion dollars annually, that is, nearly the size of our state	transfers of federal land are clearly irrevocable.	Autonomy and Independence, hereafter in this Chapter referred to as the "commission."	s Commission in Section 8541. 8851.4. The commission, on its own motion,	
- 14	r l	Name	Address ONLY		WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT 8. California currently faces an openly hostile		31. The seemingly unthinkable, independence could again be accomplished through either	 8849.2. The intent of the People of California in creating the commission is to advise the 	may, for the purpose of making reports and recommendations on the topics described in	
- 1	2	Sign as Registered to vote:	City	Zip		ourselves. Pur 4: ON DEMOCRACY		Governor, the Attorney General, the legislature, and other elected officials as to	Section 8851.1, engmine in detail the use of	
		8. Frint your	Residence Address ONLY		(a) attempting to de-legitimize California's	19. California has practiced direct democracy	net possible for Congress to voluntarily grant independence to a state, it is clear, under	how to help California become a fully	federal funds administered by state or local government; funds, collected by state or local	
	5	Sign as Registered			voting system (b) arbitrarily enforcing a broken immigration	since the adoption of the initiative in 1911, and is in fact the world's largest direct	existing precedent, that Congress could grant independence to the bulk of California's	functioning sovereign and autonomous nation as described in Article XXXVI of the State	s, governments on behalf of the federal government, including (in aggregate) tax	
	<u> </u>	to vote 9. Print your	City	q5		democracy.	territory, effectively reconstituting California as an independent country while allowing the	Constitution.		
- 1		Name	Address ONLY		attempting to withhold billions of dollars from California's state and local severaments in an	own challenges, there is no question that	United States to maintain the legal fiction of perpetual union.	review on a general basis, not participate directly in repotiations with the federal	binding agreements between state or local government and the federal government. 8851.5. The Governor shall submit to the	
	ž	Sign as Registered to vote	City	Zie	attempt to strongarm them into enforcing this	sense of the word: where all adult citizens	32. The path to both autonomy and full	government, nor meet in closed session with	commission, at least once in each calendar	
		10. Print your	Residence		(e) threatening California's ability to work	have the right to vote and have our vote counted, where all votes count equally, where	independence is largely the same; for California to take stock of the leverage it has	the Governor or other relevant persons to discuss sensitive and timely details of such	year beginning with 2019, a report regarding the progress of ongoing negotiations with the	
		Name	Address ONLY		real and present danger of climate change.	the government must ultimately how to the will of the people, and where fundamental	over the United States, and to use this leverage to negotiate for ever greater	negotiations. If such a body is necessary, it should be created by separate statute (see	federal government. The commission may then request the Governor provide additional details, which the Governor shall supply	
		to vote	City		(d) creating uncertainty around free trade, particularly with California's three breese	reform to the system of government is not only possible but frequent.	autonomy, culminating in a final settlement redefining California's relationship with the	Section 4 of Article XXXVI of the State Constitution and subsection 8851.1 (f).	details, which the Governor shall supply within 30 days. The commission shall mublish	
		11. Print your Name	Residence Address ONLY		trading partners: Mexico, Canada, and China (e) targeting California in a host of other	21. Californians have enjoyed significant success in changing California by engaging in	United States.	below). 8849.4. The commission shall operate on a	this report, to which it may make its own amendments, within 90 days of receiving the	
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-	_	to vote	Residence	op	However, these are merely symptoms of	government and electoral system. It is tempting to believe that to change the United		disbanded or repurposed in conjunction with a constitutional revision altering California's		
		Name	Address ONLY		within the federal system, which transcend	States, we need simply to do more of the same on a larger scale. However, this line of	participants in American democracy. Even if California had by then become independent,	relationship with the United States (as described in subsection 2(b) of Article XXXVI	shall the commission receive funding less than one one-thousandth of one percent of	
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		13. Print your Name	Residence Address ONLY		California's territory, going back as far as statebood in 1850, and management of this	22. Californians are worfully underrepresented in the U.S. Senate. Though	34. Thus, as Californians, we have much to gain and little to lose by pursuing autonomy.	Article 2. Memberskip 8850.1. The commission shall be organized	Code, referenced by Section 8508.1, above, the members of the commission shall serve	
		Sign as Registered			land in ways that are often neither ecologically wound, economically valuable.	we comprise nearly one-eighth of the United States' population, we receive only one-	SECTION 2. Statement of Purpose Therefore, the nurnose of this measure is to	and constituted, and its members chosen to serve terms of the same duration and end	without compensation and receive only reimburgement.)	
	-	to vote 14. Print your	City		nor respectful of local conditions.	fiftieth of the seats, that is, one-sixth the	put California on the path towards becoming a	a time, in the same manner as the Milton Marks	Article 4. Miscellaneous Provisions	
		Name	Address ONLY		 (b) economically disadvantaging California by extracting a significantly larger share of 	representation of the average American. 23. The Electoral College, while giving	nation, whether within continued association	Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy (hereafter	enabling the Little Hoover Commission	
		Sign as Registered to your	City	ōe.	federal taxes from California than it returns in spending in every year since 1986, and by allocating money which California needs for	Californians a more proportionate share of representation than in the Senate in practice	with the United States of America, or as an independent country.	referred to in this Chapter as the "Little Hoover Commission"), as described in	(sections 8501-8542) refer to the code as of January 1, 2017.	
		15. Print your	Residence		allocating money which California needs for reacetime priorities to find a needlessly	reduces Californians' influence over the United States' choice of president to nearly	SECTION 3. Constitutional Amendments SECTION 3.1. Section 1 of Article III of the	Sections 8501-8508. 8850.2. All initial appointments to the	SECTION 4.2 Amendment The provisions of the legislation created by	
		Name	Address ONLY		expensive military, which has persisted through	zero. In fact, California's electoral votes have not been the deciding factor in a presidential	California Constitution is amended to read: Sec. 1. The State of California is an	commission shall have been made within 90 days of this Chapter taking effect.	Section 4.1 may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Legislature to further its purposes.	
L		to vote	City	Zp	the start of the Cold War in 1947 to the	race since 1916. 24. Californians do receive nearly equal	inconcrable part of the United States of	Article 3. Powers and Duties is 8851.1. The commission shall study and issue	SECTION 5. Severability If any provision of this measure, or any part	
		DECLARATION OF CIRCULATOR	(to be completed after above signatures have by	en obtained)	present day. (Discussed in detail in Part 3, below)	representation in the House of	the supreme law of the land.	recommendations on the following:	thereof, is for any reason held to be invalid or	
1,			lder. My residence address		 (c) choosic underrepresentation of Californians in the United States' system of 	Representatives. However our power is diluted by other states in two ways:	SECTION 3.2. Article XXXVI is added to the California Constitution as follows:	residents against chaos, austimotion, and	unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall not be affected, but shall remain in full	
is					government, going back at least since California became the most populous state in	(a) partisan gerrymandering, which is practiced by the majority of states. As a result	ARTICLE XXXVI AUTONOMY AND	uncertainty at the federal level (b) constitutional revisions and other	force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this measure are severable.	
		(address city sta	te zip code)		1962. (Discussed in detail in Part 4, below) Part 3: ON FEDERAL TAXATION AND	though one major party earned slightly more than one percent more votes for its House	Sec. 1. It is the intent of the People of the State of California that California become a	structural reforms that would allow California's system of government to operate	SECTION 6. Proponent Standing Notwithstanding any other provision of law,	
10	irculate	d this section of the petition and witnessed each of the a	ppended signatures being writte	en. Each signature on this petition is, to the	SPENDING 10. For the past twenty years, California		fully-functioning sovereign and autonomous nation, whether within continued association	more like that of an independent country, using similar democratic countries as models	if the State, its government agencies, or any of its officials fail to defend the	
b	est of my	information and belief, the genuine signature of the per	rson whose name it purports to	be. All signatures on this document were	taxpavers have shouldered a significantly	received ten percent more seats! (b) use of the criminal justice system to	with the United States of America or as an		constitutionality of this measure following its	
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0	ramed I	(month, day, year) and	nonth, day, year)	are personny or perjury under the laws of the	Californians receive, generally between 80 and 90 cents on the dellar	example, in Florida, more than one-tenth of adult citizens are unable to vote.	United States. 2. The Governor shall lead these negotiations	(d) California's fiscal relationship with the s, federal government, including federal funds	any citizen of this state shall have the authority to intervene in any court action	
	ate of C	alifornia that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed	00	at .	11. In essence, there are no federal dollars	25. California engages in neither of these	both: (a) to continually pain preater autonomy from	collected from California taxpasers, federal	challenging the constitutionality of this measure for the nursons of defending its	
31	ate of C	amornia triat trie Toregoing is true and correct, executed	(month, day)	(year) (place of signing)	minus approximately 45 billion dollars	participates in good faith in a system which	the federal government for California's State and local governments, and for its People.	espenditures are administered, and how	constitutionality, whether such action is in	
				Return Completed Petitions to:	annually to subsidize other states. 12. This picture is complicated somewhat by	other state governments game. 26. These failings could be remedied by	(b) to perotiate the terms of a final settlement	California could assume a greater role in their collection and administration	trial court, on appeal, or on discretionary review by the Supreme Court of California or	
			CFC	C, 3043 Meridian Ave #34, San Jose CA 95124	deficit spending at the federal level; however, debt incurred by the United States is not a gift		allowing California to become a fully- functioning sourceign and autonomous nation	(e) other areas where California enjoys s. significant leverage over the federal	the Supreme Court of the United States. The fees and costs of defending the action shall be	
		(complete signature indicating full name of circulator)		Questions: calfreeco@gmail.com		have little say, California could provide only one of the 38 votes necessary to ratify such at		(f) statutory language and other details of	a charge on funds appropriated to the Attorney General, which shall be satisfied	
13. Nor is the State of California's own spalled, amountment. J. The governor shall regularly coordinate. how California negle best conduct: promptly.									promptly.	

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- If you find friends or family that live in a different county than you, you will need an additional petition form. Fill in their county at the top and be sure to fill out the declaration below.
- Please mail the signatures as soon as possible to CFC, 3043 Meridian Ave, Suite 34, San Jose, CA 95124. Don't worry if you don't get all the signature boxes filled; we can send you more!
- Fill out one signature line for yourself and then you have to fill out and sign the declaration at the bottom.

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