



CITY CLERK

MEMO

TO: Mayor Hughson and City Council
FROM: Elizabeth Trevino, City Clerk
DATE: June 13, 2024
RE: **Certification of initiative petition to repeal adoption of the Police Officers' Civil Service (Chapter 143)**

On April 30, 2024, Eric Martinez with Mano Amiga submitted a petition to repeal adoption of the police officers' civil service law (Chapter 143 Texas Local Government Code).

According to Section 143.004(e) of the Texas Local Government Code, if the governing body of a municipality with a population of less than 950,000 that has operated under this chapter for at least one year receives a petition requesting an election to repeal this chapter that is signed by at least 10 percent of the qualified voters of the municipality, the governing body shall order an election submitting to the voters the question on whether this chapter should be repealed.

The number of qualified (registered) voters in San Marcos, according to Hays County, is 45,187. Following the above statute, the petition must have signatures from at least 10 percent of qualified San Marcos voters, or 4,518 signatures. The submitted petition includes only 850 signatures and, therefore, is insufficient to enable the proposed repeal to be placed on the ballot based on this petition, alone.

Attached to this memo are a copy of the certification and one page of the petition showing the stated purpose of the petition.