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## **SANTA MONICA MGM BILL BALLOT INITIATIVE**

The people of Santa Monica ordain as follows:

Article 4 (Public Welfare, Morals and Policy) of the Santa Monica Municipal Code is amended to add a new chapter, 4.76, entitled "Genital Cutting of Male Minors", to read as follows:

### **Chapter 4.76 GENITAL CUTTING OF MALE MINORS**

#### **4.76.010 Prohibition of Genital Cutting of Male Minors.**

Except as provided in section 4.76.020, it is unlawful to circumcise, excise, cut, or mutilate the whole or any part of the foreskin, testicles, or penis of another person who has not attained the age of 18 years.

#### **4.76.020 Exceptions.**

(a) A surgical operation is not a violation of this chapter if the operation is necessary to the physical health of the person on whom it is performed because of a clear, compelling, and immediate medical need with no less-destructive alternative treatment available, and is performed by a person licensed in the place of its performance as a medical practitioner.

(b) In applying subsection (a), no account shall be taken of the effect on the person on whom the operation is to be performed of any belief on the part of that or any other person that the operation is required as a matter of custom or ritual.

#### **4.76.030 Penalty.**

Any person who violates any provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction such person shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period not to exceed one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO CIRCULATE PETITION**

Notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appear below of their intention to circulate the petition within the City of Santa Monica for the purpose of prohibiting medically unnecessary genital cutting of male minors. A statement of the reasons of the proposed action as contemplated in the petition is as follows:

1. Genital mutilation constitutes a major health risk, violates human rights and has lifelong physical and psychological effects. Complications due to male genital mutilation include hemorrhage, infection, excessive skin loss, skin bridges, nerve damage, glans deformation, bowing, meatal stenosis, loss of penis, and death. Long-term complications include sexual dysfunction, decreased sexual sensitivity, increased friction and pain during sexual intercourse, and lifelong psychological trauma.
2. It is time for Santa Monica to join with genital integrity and human rights organizations to condemn this harmful and outdated procedure. Criminal investigations and prosecutions should be carried out, when necessary, to send a strong message that Santa Monica abhors this practice and views its abolition as paramount to the health and welfare of these young children.

JENA TROUTMAN      Jena Troutman      5/19/11  
NAME OF PROPONENT (PRINTED)      PROPONENT'S SIGNATURE      DATE

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ADDITIONALLY I REQUEST THAT THE ELECTION OFFICIAL TO PREPARE A BALLOT TITLE & SUMMARY.

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