



# City of Seattle

June 1, 2018

Monica Martinez Simmons  
Seattle City Clerk  
600 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Seattle, WA 98124

Dear Ms. Martinez Simmons,

I am returning Council Bill 119234. This legislation amends several sections of the Seattle Municipal Code related to the Seattle Design Commission and its role in the City's street vacation process.

Although the street vacation process is governed by the Legislative branch per RCW Chapter 35.79, I want to convey my concern that this legislation may create quasi-legislative and executive authority in an unelected Commission. Moreover, department staff has education and professional experience in the necessary fields and should be the primary resource for the Council in their determination of public benefits.

Since the legislation impacts duties delegated to the legislative branch by state law, I am returning it to you unsigned. By returning this legislation unsigned, I understand that it will become law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jenny A. Durkan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Jenny A. Durkan  
Mayor of Seattle