Amendment 1

to

CB 120007 – Right to Counsel for Evictions

Sponsor: CM Herbold

Specifying legal services provided in qualifications for attorney organizations

Amend the following as shown:

22.206.195 Right to legal counsel in eviction proceedings

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- C. To the extent allowed by law, the Director is authorized to negotiate and execute a contract for unlawful detainer defense services provided under this Section 22.206.195 with an appropriate attorney organization that:
- 1. Has experience <u>providing legal representation for supporting</u> renters advocating for their legal rights;
- 2. Has at least one location near the courtroom where eviction proceedings are heard, in the King County courthouse; and
- 3. Has the ability to provide legal service in languages commonly spoken in Seattle or has access to all necessary language translation services.

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Effect: This amendment would specify that an attorney organization with which the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections contracts should have experience providing legal representation to tenants.