

CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION 32057

A RESOLUTION regarding Initiative 134 concerning allowing voters to vote for multiple candidates in primary elections (rejected by the City Council on July 14, 2022); authorizing the City Clerk and the Executive Director of the Ethics and Elections Commission to take those actions necessary to enable proposed Initiative 134 to appear on the November 8, 2022, ballot and the local voters' pamphlet in conjunction with the Ranked Choice Voting proposal (City Council Bill 120369), which is a proposed alternative measure on the same subject matter in accordance with Charter Article IV; requesting the King County Elections Director to place the proposed Initiative 134 and its alternate on the November 8, 2022, election ballot in accordance with applicable law; and providing for the publication of such proposed Initiative Measure and its alternate.

WHEREAS, proponents submitted to the City Clerk a ballot measure petition concerning allowing voters to vote for multiple candidates in primary elections (which the City Clerk designated as Seattle Initiative No. 134 in Clerk File No. 322196); and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk forwarded the petition to the Director of King County Elections for certification of whether the petition bears a sufficient number of valid signatures to qualify for introduction to the City Council as provided in Seattle City Charter Article IV, Section 1; and

WHEREAS, the Director of King County Elections has certified that the Initiative No. 134 petition bears sufficient valid signatures to qualify for introduction to the City Council as provided in Seattle City Charter Article IV, Section 1; and

WHEREAS, Seattle City Charter Article IV, Section 1 provides that, if the City Council does not enact an initiative bill or measure bearing a sufficient number of signatures, it shall be the duty of the City Council to submit the initiative measure to the voters of the City for their ratification or rejection; and

1 WHEREAS, in accordance with Seattle City Charter Article IV, Section 1 the City Council has
2 rejected Initiative 134 and has adopted an alternative, Council Bill 120369; and

3 WHEREAS, the City Council finds that Initiative 134 and Council Bill 120369 conflict in certain
4 particulars regarding the voting procedures for candidates in primary elections; and

5 WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to place both Initiative 134 and its alternative on the ballot
6 for consideration by the voters of the City of Seattle; NOW, THEREFORE,

7 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:**

8 Section 1. In accordance with City Charter Article IV, the Council reviewed Initiative
9 134 and rejected it by motion approved by the Council. The Council hereby directs that Initiative
10 134 be placed on the November 8, 2022 general election ballot to be voted on by the people, in
11 accordance with applicable law.

12 Section 2. Pursuant to City Charter Article IV, Section 1, in addition to placing Initiative
13 I34 on the ballot, the Council adopted Council Bill (CB) 120369, an alternative measure dealing
14 with the same subject as Initiative 134. CB 120369 and Initiative 134 conflict in several
15 particulars. The Council is placing CB 120369 on the November 8, 2022, general election ballot
16 to be voted on by the people at the same time as Initiative 134.

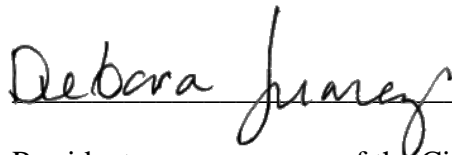
17 Section 3. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to take those actions necessary to
18 place City of Seattle Initiative Measure No. 134 filed in Clerk File (CF) 322196, a copy of which
19 is attached as Attachment A to this resolution in conjunction with CB 120369, on the November
20 8, 2022, election ballot, including but not limited to publishing the proposed Initiative Measure
21 and its alternate as provided by the City Charter.

22 Section 4. The Executive Director of the Ethics and Elections Commission is authorized
23 and requested to take those actions necessary to place information regarding City of Seattle


1 Initiative Measure No. 134 in conjunction with CB 120369 in the November 8, 2022, voters'
2 pamphlet.

3 Section 5. The Director of Elections of King County, Washington, as ex officio
4 supervisor of elections, is requested to call for a special election and place City of Seattle
5 Initiative Measure No. 134 in conjunction with CB 120369 on the November 8, 2022, ballot, and
6 in accordance with applicable law.

7 Adopted by the City Council the 14th day of July, 2022,
8 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 14th day of
9 July, 2022.

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11 President _____ of the City Council

12 Filed by me this 14th day of July, 2022.

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14 Elizabeth M. Adkisson, Interim City Clerk

15 (Seal)

16 Attachments:
17 Attachment A - City of Seattle Initiative Measure No. 134 (from Clerk File 322196)



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WARNING. Ordinance 94289 provides as follows:

Section 1. It is unlawful for any person: 1. To sign or decline to sign any petition for a City initiative, referendum, or Charter amendment, in exchange for any consideration or gratuity or promise thereof; or 2. To give or offer any consideration or gratuity to anyone to induce him or her to sign or not to sign a petition for a City initiative, referendum, or Charter amendment; or 3. To interfere with or attempt to interfere with the right of any voter to sign or not to sign a petition for a City initiative, referendum, or Charter amendment by threat, intimidation or any other corrupt means or practice; or 4. To sign a petition for a City initiative, referendum, or Charter amendment with any other than his or her true name, or to knowingly sign more than one (1) petition for the same initiative, referendum or Charter amendment measure, or to sign any such petition knowing that he or she is not a registered voter of The City of Seattle.

Section 2. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof be punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) or by imprisonment in the City Jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

INITIATIVE PETITION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL. To the City Council of The City of Seattle:

We, the undersigned registered voters of The City of Seattle, State of Washington, propose and ask for the enactment as an ordinance of the measure known as **Initiative Measure No. 134** entitled:

City of Seattle Initiative Measure 134 concerns allowing voters to vote for multiple candidates in primary elections. This measure would allow voters in primary elections for Mayor, City Attorney, and City Council to select on the ballot as many candidates as they approve of for each office. The two candidates receiving the most votes for each office would advance to the general election, consistent with state law. The City would consult with King County to include instructions on the primary ballot such as "vote for AS MANY as you approve of" for each office.

Should this measure be approved?

- Yes
- No

a full, true, and correct copy of which is included herein, and we petition the Council to enact said measure as an ordinance; and, if not enacted within forty-five (45) days from the time of receipt thereof by the City Council, then to be submitted to the qualified electors of The City of Seattle for approval or rejection at the next regular election or at a special election in accordance with Article IV, Section 1 of the City Charter; and each of us for himself or herself says: **I have personally signed this petition; I am a registered voter of The City of Seattle, State of Washington, and my residence address is correctly stated.**

PETITIONER'S SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	RESIDENCE ADDRESS (STREET AND NUMBER)	DATE SIGNED
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AN ACT related to voting in city primary elections

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE:

Section 1. A new Chapter 2.18 is added to Title 2 of the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

CHAPTER 2.18 APPROVAL VOTING IN CITY PRIMARY ELECTIONS

2.18.010. Findings

The People find that a healthy and strong representative democracy depends on voting that allows the people to fully express their will. The City is empowered to provide for its own elections of officers consistent with general election laws, which includes the use of a primary election to winnow candidates to a final list of two for the general election based on the number of votes cast for each candidate. The People find that approval voting allows voters to select ANY candidates whom they support, allowing for the election of candidates with support from the most voters and reflecting a better representation of the voters' will. Approval voting will provide significant improvement in the city's electoral system while still assuring that the two candidates with the greatest number of votes advance from the primary election to the general election.

2.18.020. Approval voting

In the primary elections for the offices of Mayor, City Attorney, and members of the City Council, voters may select on the ballot as many candidates as they approve of for each office. In the primary election, the two candidates receiving the greatest total number of votes for each office shall advance to the general election consistent with state law.

2.18.030. Ballot instructions

For any election subject to this chapter, the City Clerk shall consult with the appropriate King County officials to ensure that the ballot includes appropriate instructions to voters to effectuate the purposes of this chapter, such as: "Vote for AS MANY as you approve of," with "AS MANY" being written in uppercase.

Section 2. The provisions of this ordinance are severable. If any provision of this ordinance is declared invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision.

Section 3. The provisions of this ordinance shall be implemented as soon as practicable, and by no later than 2025.
