

CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_

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A RESOLUTION regarding ~~a voter-proposed~~ Initiative ~~Measure 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 ~~the~~ proposed Initiative ~~Measure 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 ~~Measure 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.

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

12 Section 2. Pursuant to City Charter Article IV, Section 1, in addition to placing Initiative  
13 134 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 24. 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 ~~3~~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,  
6 ~~with the following ballot title approved by the Seattle City Attorney: and in accordance with~~  
7 applicable law.

8 ~~City of Seattle Initiative Measure 134 concerns allowing voters to vote for multiple~~  
9 ~~candidates in primary elections.~~

10 ~~This measure would allow voters in primary elections for Mayor, City Attorney, and~~  
11 ~~City Council to select on the ballot as many candidates as they approve of for each~~  
12 ~~office. The two candidates receiving the most votes for each office would advance to~~  
13 ~~the general election, consistent with state law. The City would consult with King~~  
14 ~~County to include instructions on the primary ballot such as “vote for AS MANY as~~  
15 ~~you approve of” for each office.~~

16 ~~Should this measure be approved?~~

17 ~~Yes \_\_\_\_\_~~

18 ~~No \_\_\_\_\_~~

