

CITY OF SEATTLE

City Council

Agenda
Special Meeting

Thursday, July 14, 2022 2:00 PM

Council Chamber, City Hall 600 4th Avenue Seattle, WA 98104

Debora Juarez, Council President
Lisa Herbold, Member
Andrew J. Lewis, Member
Tammy J. Morales, Member
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Committee Website:

http://www.seattle.gov/council

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- **B. ROLL CALL**
- C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may sign up to address the Council. The time allowed for each individual, and the total time allowed for public comment period at this meeting, will be determined by the number of speakers that are signed up to comment at the start of the meeting.

D. PRESENTATIONS

Initiative 134 "Approval Voting" and Council Bill 120369 "Ranked

Voting."

Supporting

Documents: Central Staff Memo

Presentation

Presenters: Lish Whitson and Esther Handy, Council Central

Staff

- E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- F. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. CF 314495

Report of the City Clerk on the Certificate of Sufficiency for Initiative No. 134, concerning approval voting for Mayor, City Attorney, and City Councilmember primary elections.

<u>Attachments:</u> Report of the City Clerk

Att 1 - Certificate of Sufficiency

Att 2 - Initiative Petition No. 134 (Clerk File No. 322196)

2. CF 314498 City Council motion and declaration of City Council intent to reject Initiative No. 134, relating to voting in city primary elections and placing Initiative No. 134 on the November 8, 2022 ballot in conjunction with the Ranked Choice Voting measure (Council Bill 120369), a proposed alternative measure on the same matter.

Attachments: City Council Motion and Declaration of City Council

Intent/Clerk File 314498

3. CB 120369 AN ORDINANCE relating to ranked choice voting; requesting that a special election be held concurrent with the November 8, 2022 general election for submission to the qualified electors of the City of a proposition to institute ranked choice voting for primary elections for City of Seattle elected offices; adding a new Chapter 2.18 to the Seattle Municipal Code; proposing a ballot title; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Supporting

Documents:

Summary and Fiscal Note

Proposed Amendment 1 version 2

4. Res 32057 A RESOLUTION regarding a voter-proposed Initiative Measure concerning allowing voters to vote for multiple candidates in primary elections; 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 to appear on the November 8, 2022, ballot and the local voters' pamphlet; requesting the King County Elections Director to place the proposed Initiative Measure on the November 8, 2022, election ballot; and providing for the publication of such proposed Initiative Measure.

Attachments: Att A - Initiative 134

Supporting

<u>Documents:</u> <u>Summary and Fiscal Note</u>

Proposed Substitute of Resolution 32057

- **G. OTHER BUSINESS**
- H. ADJOURNMENT

*Notice of Public Comment relating to Initiative 134

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

*Notice of Public Comment relating to Council Bill 120369

Council Bill 120369 concerns AN ORDINANCE relating to ranked choice voting; requesting that a special election be held concurrent with the November 8, 2022 general election for submission to the qualified electors of the City of a proposition to institute ranked choice voting or primary elections for City of Seattle elected offices; adding a new Chapter 2.18 to the Seattle Municipal Code; proposing a ballot title; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

- In Support
- Opposed

As provided for under RCW 42.17A.155 and Seattle Municipal Code 2.04.300, the City Council will afford members of the public an opportunity at the July 14, 2022, Special City Council Meeting to express a view that is in support or opposed to the proposed Initiative 134, and Council Bill 120369. An equal opportunity will be given to proponents and opponents of the measure.

The City Council meeting on July 14, 2022 will begin at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber at 600 Fourth Avenue, 2nd floor.

Members of the public may register for remote or in-person Public Comment to address the Council. Details on how to provide Public Comment are listed below:

Remote Public Comment - Register online to speak during the Public Comment period at the 2:00 p.m. City Council meeting at http://www.seattle.gov/council/committees/public-comment. Online registration to speak will begin two hours before the 2:00 p.m. meeting start time, and registration will end at the conclusion of the Public Comment period during the meeting. Speakers must be registered in order to be recognized by the Chair.

In-Person Public Comment - Register to speak on the Public Comment sign-up sheet located inside Council Chambers at least 15 minutes prior to the meeting start time. Registration will end at the conclusion of the Public Comment period during the meeting. Speakers must be registered in order to be recognized by the Chair.

Submit written comments to all Councilmembers at Council@seattle.gov.