



City of Seattle

Ethics and Elections Commission

May 25, 2018

Council President Bruce Harrell
City Hall, 2nd Floor
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Council President Harrell:

Thank you for the opportunity to present to the Government, Equity and Technology Committee on May 15, 2018 about the Commission's recommended changes to the Elections Code, specifically the sections added to the Code with the passage of I-122 in November of 2015. Attached to this letter is the legislation the Commission is proposing, together with a chart highlighting the major substantive changes the Commission is recommending.

The Commission's recommendations are based on an extensive independent review of the program conducted by BERK Consulting, public input the Commission heard at a public hearing on the program held in February, and Commission staff's experience implementing and administering the program's debut in 2017. We look forward to working with the Council to fine-tune the program in advance of the 2019 elections.

Please let me know what else I can do to facilitate the City Council's consideration of this bill.

Very truly yours,

Wayne Barnett
Executive Director

Cc: Patricia Lee, Council Central Staff