

Amendment 5 to Council Bill 119279  
Clarify who is a contractor  
Sponsor: Councilmember Mosqueda

Initiative 122 contains a prohibition on candidates and elected officials receiving contributions from City contractors. The restriction applies to entities or persons who, in the prior two years, have "earned or received more than \$250,000, under a contractual relationship with the city." This amendment would clarify that the contractual relationship only applies when there is a contract for goods and services provided to the City of Seattle. The amendment would allow an organization to be exempt from this prohibition when a contract allows for the pass-through of funds or a rebate of funds.

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Amend Section 2.04.601 as follows:

**2.04.601 ((No Campaign Contributions from City Contractors or their PACs.))**

**Contributions from certain City contractors prohibited**

A.

1. No Mayor, City Council((-)member, or City Attorney, or any candidate for any such position, shall knowingly accept any contribution directly or indirectly from any entity or person who in the prior two years has earned or received more than \$250,000, under a contractual relationship ~~with the City~~ to provide goods and services to the City. This prohibition shall not apply to City of Seattle employees who have earned more than \$250,000 in the prior two years from City employment.

2. If subsection 2.04.601.A.1 is invalidated, then no Mayor, City Councilmember, or City Attorney, or any candidate for any such position shall knowingly accept any contribution of more than \$250 in one calendar year, directly or indirectly, from any entity or person who in the prior two years has earned or received more than \$250,000, under a contractual relationship

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~~with the City to provide goods and services to the City. This prohibition shall not apply to City of Seattle employees who have earned more than \$250,000 in the prior two years from City employment.~~

B.

1. No Mayor, City Council((-)member, or City Attorney, or any candidate for any such position, shall knowingly solicit a contribution for ((~~himself or herself~~) themselves or for any political party, political committee, campaign committee, or public office fund, directly or indirectly from any entity or person who in the prior two years has earned or received more than \$250,000, under a contractual relationship ~~with the City to provide goods and services to the City. This prohibition shall not apply to City of Seattle employees who have earned more than \$250,000 in the prior two years from City employment.~~ ((If the first sentence of this section is invalidated then no Mayor, City Council member or City Attorney or any candidate for any such position shall knowingly accept any contribution of more than \$250 in one calendar year, directly or indirectly, from any entity or person who in the prior two years has earned or received more than \$250,000, under a contractual relationship with the City. If the second sentence of this section))

2. If subsection 2.04.601.B.1 is invalidated, then no Mayor, City Council(( ))member, or City Attorney, or any candidate for any such position, shall knowingly solicit a contribution of more than \$250, for ((~~himself or herself~~) themselves or for any political party, political committee, campaign committee, or public office fund, directly or indirectly from any entity or person who in the prior two years has earned or received more than \$250,000, under a contractual relationship ~~with the City to provide goods and services to the City. This prohibition~~

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shall not apply to City of Seattle employees who have earned more than \$250,000 in the prior two years from City employment.

C. ~~((In all cases such a candidate or office holder may solicit))~~ Neither soliciting ~~((and))~~ nor accepting assignment of ~~((Democracy Vouchers without such solicitation or assignment being considered))~~ democracy vouchers is a violation of this ~~((section))~~ Section 2.04.601.

D. If any part of this ~~((section))~~ Section 2.04.601 is ~~((held invalid))~~ invalidated, the remainder shall be construed to effect the anticorruption purposes of this ~~((section))~~ Section 2.04.601 to the maximum extent allowable.

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Voucher amounts  
Sponsor: Councilmember Mosqueda

Initiative 122 provided for four \$25 democracy vouchers to be provided to every participating donor in Seattle. This amendment would change that to five \$20 vouchers in order to allow donors to participate in more races.

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Amend Section 2.04.620 A and .622 as follows:

**2.04.620 ((~~The Right to \$100 in Democracy Vouchers, For Assignment to Qualified Candidates.~~)) Democracy voucher issuance**

~~((a) Democracy Vouchers. Democracy Vouchers are vital to ensure the people of Seattle have equal opportunity to participate in political campaigns and be heard by candidates, to strengthen democracy, fulfill other purposes of this subchapter and prevent corruption.~~

~~(b) Issuance of Democracy Vouchers.))~~

A. ((~~On the~~)) No later than the first business day in ~~((every municipal election year))~~ March, ~~((SEEC))~~ the Commission shall mail to each person who was, by the previous ~~((November 15th))~~ December 31, duly registered to vote in ~~((the City of))~~ Seattle and an active voter under RCW 29A.08.615 (as amended by Chapter 109, Laws of 2018), at ~~((his or her))~~ the person's address in the voter registration records, ~~(((\$100 in vouchers ("Democracy Vouchers") consisting of))~~ ~~four~~ five ~~((Democracy Vouchers))~~ democracy vouchers of ~~\$25~~ \$20 each, except that ~~((SEEC))~~ the Commission may deliver ~~((Democracy Vouchers))~~ democracy vouchers online or in another manner ~~((s))~~ if the person ~~((receiving same elects other manner of delivery))~~ chooses, as provided in this ~~((subchapter))~~ Section 2.04.620. Thereafter, ~~((SEEC))~~ the

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Commission shall regularly issue ~~(((\$100 in Democracy Vouchers))~~ four \$25 democracy vouchers to any person becoming a duly registered ~~((City of))~~ Seattle voter after the previous ~~((November 15th))~~ December 31, up until at least October 1~~((st))~~ of the election year, with regular issuance after October 1 allowable in the Commission's discretion. Democracy vouchers may be mailed or emailed to an address other than that indicated in the voter registration records.

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**2.04.622 Democracy voucher form**

Each ~~(((\$25 Democracy Voucher))~~ democracy voucher shall ~~((state the holder's name, a unique voucher identification number, the election year, and words of assignment with blank spaces for the holder to designate a candidate and for the holder to sign their name, and may include information SEEC deems helpful for verifying signatures such as the voter identification number and barcode, in substantially the following form:))~~ substantially contain the information and substantially be in the form of Exhibit A for 2.04.622.

**Exhibit A for 2.04.622**

**Sample democracy voucher**

The image shows a sample democracy voucher form for Seattle Primary & General Election. The form is crossed out with a large red X. It features the Seattle logo and the text "Seattle Democracy Voucher Primary & General Election". It includes a "\$25" value and the text "NO CASH VALUE • NON-TRANSFERABLE <<EXPIRATION DATE>>". The form has a section for "Candidate Name:" and a section for "Signature:" and "Date:". At the bottom, it says "Find a participating candidate at [www.seattle.gov/democracvoucher](http://www.seattle.gov/democracvoucher)".

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(\$25	1 of 4	Democracy Voucher for 20xx Election	Jane Q. Public
On [insert date] _____ / _____ / _____, 20xx, I, Jane Q. Public, a resident of the City of Seattle, assigned this Democracy Voucher to a candidate for mayor, city attorney or city council named _____.			
I attest that I obtained this Democracy Voucher properly and make this assignment freely, voluntarily and without duress or in exchange for any payment of any kind for this assignment, and not for any consideration of any kind, and that I am aware that assignment does not guarantee availability of funds and is irrevocable. Assignment is complete upon delivery to Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission, the named candidate, or her or his registered representative. Sale/transfer for consideration of this Democracy Voucher is strictly prohibited. Voucher may be redeemed only by qualifying candidates and only if such candidate has complied with additional contributions and spending limits and if funds are available.			
Signed: _____ on _____, 20xx.			
Jane Q. Public	_____ voter ID and bar code	Voucher ID #123,456,789	

(d) Assignment of Democracy Vouchers. Vouchers))

Amendment 7 to Council Bill 119279  
Signatures and donations to qualify  
Sponsor: Councilmember Mosqueda

This amendment would allow a candidate, in order to qualify for the program, to receive contributions and signatures from adult Seattle residents. Currently the code requires contributions from adult Seattle residents to qualify for the program, but not signatures. The amendment would allow the signatures and contributions to come from different residents.

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Amend Section 2.04.630 as follows:

**~~2.04.630 ((Candidates to Qualify By Showing Grass Roots Support and Agreeing to New Campaign and Contribution Limits; Redemption of Democracy Vouchers; New Limits on Use of Funds.))~~ Candidate qualification**

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~~((e) Qualifying Contributions.))~~ C. To qualify for the ~~((Democracy Voucher))~~ Program, candidates shall show they have received at least the following numbers of signatures and ~~((“Qualifying Contributions”))~~ qualifying contributions of at least \$10 but not more than the Program contribution limit for the office sought provided in ~~((SMC))~~ subsection 2.04.630((b)). B from ~~((individual adults (18 years of age or older), who are human natural persons residing in the City of Seattle, and))~~ adult Seattle residents eligible under federal law to make political contributions: Mayoral candidates, ~~((at least))~~ 600; City Attorney candidates, ~~((at least))~~ 150; at-large City Council candidates, ~~at~~ ~~((least))~~ 400; and district City Council candidates, ~~((at least))~~ 150 (of which at least 75 shall be from individuals residing in ~~((the))~~ that district ~~((sought to be represented by the candidate))~~). Signatures and donations may come from

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different residents. ~~((SEEC))~~ The Commission shall maintain a list of qualified candidates and make it readily accessible to the public, including by publishing it on ~~((SEEC's))~~ the Commission's website.

D. A candidate loses qualification for the Program by publicly withdrawing or otherwise abandoning the race, failing to advance to the general election, or the Commission finding sufficient material violations of election laws or Program requirements, such as violation of campaign valuation or contribution limit laws, or fraudulent or attempted fraudulent assignment of democracy vouchers.

Amendment 8 to Council Bill 119279  
Election drop boxes  
Sponsor: Councilmember Mosqueda

This amendment would allow the Commission to work with King County elections to explore whether election drop boxes could be used as a place to transmit vouchers to the Commission.

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Amend Section 2.04.624 A as follows:

### **2.04.624 Democracy voucher assignment, delivery, and receipt**

A. Democracy vouchers are only transferable or assignable as stated ~~((herein))~~ in this Section 2.04.624. Any person properly obtaining and holding a ~~((Democracy Voucher))~~ democracy voucher may assign it by: ~~((writing the name of the assignee candidate, and))~~ signing the holder's name ~~((on))~~ and dating the ~~((Voucher))~~ democracy voucher where indicated thereon~~((;))~~ ; and delivering the signed and dated ~~((Voucher))~~ democracy voucher to the candidate, or to ~~((SEEC))~~ the Commission, or to any candidate's representative who shall be registered for this purpose with ~~((SEEC))~~ the Commission. Delivery may be by mail, in person (by any person the holder requests to deliver the voucher), ~~or~~ electronically via a secure ~~((SEEC))~~ Commission online system, or, with the agreement of King County, through ballot drop boxes when in use. ~~((SEEC))~~ The Commission shall establish a secure online system for delivery of ~~((Democracy Vouchers))~~ democracy vouchers (without prejudice to any eligible person's ~~((right))~~ option to receive ~~((Democracy Vouchers))~~ democracy vouchers in the mail ~~((at his or her option no later than))~~) prior to the 2017 election cycle, unless ~~((SEEC))~~ the Commission determines this target date is not practicable; and in any event no later than the 2019

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election cycle. The Commission also shall determine how it shall receive properly assigned vouchers that were not directly delivered to it.