



Legislation Text

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CITY OF SEATTLE
RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION concerning a voter-proposed Initiative Measure that concerns public participation in government, including publicly-financed election campaigns, regulating campaign donations and regulating lobbying activities; authorizing the City Clerk and the Executive Director of the Ethics and Elections Commission to take those actions necessary to enable the proposed Initiative to appear on the November 3, 2015 ballot and the local voters' pamphlet; requesting the King County Elections' Director to place the proposed City Charter amendment on the November 3, 2015 election ballot; and providing for the publication of such proposed amendment.

WHEREAS, proponents of reducing influence of money, ensuring accountability, preventing corruption, and creating a program for public financing of elections have submitted to the Office of the City Clerk a petition bearing a sufficient number of signatures to qualify the proposed Initiative filed in Clerk File 319323 ("City of Seattle Initiative Measure No. 122") for placement on the November 3, 2015 ballot; and

WHEREAS, Article IV of the City Charter specifies that it shall be the duty of the City Council to submit an initiative bearing a sufficient number of signatures to the voters of the City for their ratification or rejection;

WHEREAS, RCW 42.17A.050 states that a local government must submit any proposal for public financing of local political campaigns to voters for their adoption and approval or rejection; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to take those actions necessary to place City of Seattle Initiative Measure No. 122 filed in Clerk File 319323, a copy of which is attached as attachment A, before the voters at the November 3, 2015 election, including but not limited to publishing the proposed

initiative measure as provided by state law and the City Charter.

Section 2. The Executive Director of the Ethics and Elections Commission is authorized and requested to take those actions necessary to place information regarding City of Seattle Initiative Measure No. 122 in the November 3, 2015 voters' pamphlet.

Section 3. The Director of Elections of King County, Washington, as ex officio supervisor of elections, is requested to place City of Seattle Initiative Measure No. 122 on the November 3, 2015 ballot, with the following ballot title approved by the Seattle City Attorney:

The City of Seattle Initiative Measure Number 122 concerns public participation in government, including publicly-financed election campaigns, and lobbying.

If enacted, the measure would limit election campaign contributions from entities receiving City contracts totaling \$250,000 or more, or from persons spending \$5,000 or more for lobbying; requiring 24-hour reporting of electronic contributions; require paid signature gather identification; limit lobbying by former City officials; create a voluntary program for public campaign financing through \$100 vouchers issued to registered voters funded by ten years of additional property taxes, with \$3,000,000 (approximately \$0.0194/\$1000 assessed value) collected in 2016.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes

No

Adopted by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2015, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this _____ day of _____, 2015.

President _____ of the City Council

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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Attachment A: Proposed Initiative No. 122