



Legislation Text

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**CITY OF SEATTLE**

**RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_**

A RESOLUTION regarding Initiative 135 concerning developing and maintaining affordable social housing in Seattle; 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 February 14, 2023, ballot and the local voters' pamphlet; requesting the King County Elections Director to place the proposed Initiative Measure on the February 14, 2023, ballot; and providing for the publication of such proposed Initiative Measure.

WHEREAS, proponents submitted to the City Clerk a ballot measure petition concerning developing and maintaining affordable social housing in Seattle (which the City Clerk designated as Seattle Initiative No. 135 in Clerk File No. 322249); 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. 135 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; 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 No. 135 in Clerk File No. 322249, a copy of which is attached as Attachment A to this resolution, on the February 14, 2023, ballot, including but not limited to publishing the proposed Initiative Measure as provided by 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 135 in the February 14, 2023, voters' pamphlet.

Section 3. The Director of Elections of King County, Washington, as ex officio supervisor of elections, is requested to call for a special election and place City of Seattle Initiative Measure 135 on the February 14, 2023, ballot, with the following ballot title approved by the Seattle City Attorney:

City of Seattle Initiative Measure 135 concerns developing and maintaining affordable social housing in Seattle.

This measure would create a public development authority (PDA) to develop, own, and maintain publicly financed mixed-income social housing developments. The City would provide start-up support for the PDA. The City Council would determine the amount of ongoing City support. Before it transfers any public lands for nonpublic use, the City would be required to consider a transfer to the PDA. The PDA's Charter would govern the election, composition, and duties of the PDA's Board of Directors.

Should this measure be approved?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted by the City Council the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

Filed by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Elizabeth M. Adkisson, Interim City Clerk

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**Attachments:**

Attachment A - City of Seattle Initiative Measure No. 135 (from Clerk File 322249)