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Approval

OF

Jane T. Simmons, et al.

Of chrysthemum as City  
Official Flower.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Mr. President:

Your Harbors and Public Grounds Committee

to which was referred the within Approval

would respectfully report that we have considered the same and respectfully recommend that

same be placed on file.

CHAIRMAN

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I prefer Chrysanthemums for our City flower.

Miss Mildred Edwards

6561 - 49th St.

Seattle Wash.

Have been reading and hearing about the selection of a flower for Seattle.

Here is my vote for the 'Mum.

Jane D. Simmons  
1404 - 24th Ave. No.  
Seattle

Aug. 2, 1946.

124 W. 83rd St.,  
Seattle 7, Wash.  
August 28, 1946.

My dear Mrs Powell;

The Park Board has written the City Council a letter, recommending that you adopt the chrysanthemum as the official city flower of Seattle. I hope you will be favorable to this, and use your influence for its adoption.

Here are my main reasons for desiring its adoption. Seattle was settled the first part of November. The City is now looking forward to celebrating its 100th anniversary in ten years. The chrysanthemum is at its best the first part of November. And with ten years more to work on it we can have every one in Seattle growing 'mums by that time. The interest in its cultivation has increased rapidly during the last few years. Ten years ago there was one Chrysanthemum Society, the Seattle Chrysanthemum Society, with about ninety mem-

bers. Now that Society<sup>2</sup> has a membership of over two hundred, and two other Chrysanthemum Societies have been organized and doing well. This Northwest is just beginning to realize the possibilities of the out door growing of large Chrysanthemums. No other section of the U. S. has climate so well adapted to it. I have large ones in bloom in my yard now and will have until the first of December. <sup>publicizes</sup> This Chrysanthemum growing <sup>publicizes</sup> Seattle, too. It reaches a class of people other means of advertisement does not reach. Last year I was asked to write an article on "Chrysanthemums in the Northwest" for Horticulture, a magazine published in Boston. After it was published, I received letters from eleven different States! This year along with Dr. Hanley and Mr. Paul Brown of the Arboretum, I have been asked to be a judge at the Portland Chrys. Show. I have spoken on Chrysanthemums at Tacoma for the last two

years. I am telling<sup>3.</sup> you this so you can see what the chrysanthemum is already doing for Seattle - and assuring you its adoption as our city flower will give great impetus to its development here.

After we had asked for this - at least six months after - we were told that the dahlia had been adopted as the city flower in 1913. Now I have been a flower club member for more than twenty years and I had never heard of this before. Now can I hear of any other person who ever heard of it. Now if it is changed to the Chrysanthemum, I'm sure every one in Seattle will know what the City Flower is. The Chrysanthemum Societies will see to that.

Another thing, the dahlia does not stand up after cut - while the chrysanthemum will last a week or more.

For all these reasons I ask you to vote for the chrysanthemum for the city flower.

Sincerely yours,  
( Mrs. B. D. ) Esther Shively Keene.