

CLERK FILE No. **305005**

Initiative Measure Number 75 concerns the enforcement and prosecution of marijuana offenses.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Honorable President:

The _____
to which was referred this file, respectfully reports that the same was considered, and the recommendation

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10-28-02 Filed 9-0

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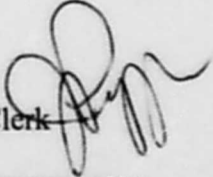
ACTION OF THE COUNCIL

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**Legislative Department
Office of City Clerk
Memorandum**

Date: September 30, 2002
To: Councilmembers
From: Judith Pippin, City Clerk 
Subject: NOTICE OF INSUFFICIENCY;
Petition for Initiative No.75, The Marijuana Initiative

I have received from King County Records and Elections a letter stating that Initiative No. 75 is insufficient on signature submittal Batch No. 7. A copy of that letter is attached.

A Clerk File (CF) containing this report, together with the letter from King County, will be introduced to you at the next regular Full Council meeting.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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September 27, 2002

Ms. Judith Pippin
City Clerk, City of Seattle
Room 104, Municipal Building
Seattle, WA 98104-1892

VIA HAND DELIVERY & U.S. Mail

RE: Seattle Initiative No. 75 - Insufficiency found - Batch No. 7

Dear Ms. Pippin:

Per our conversations, I notified your office verbally this morning, September 27, 2002, as to the findings of the Elections office regarding City of Seattle Initiative No. 75. Initiative 75 is a proposal which deals with the priority of prosecution of certain marijuana-related offenses. This is the follow-up letter to that effect.

Initiative 75 is insufficient within batches Numbered 1- 7. We have received batch No. 8, and Batch No. 9, which we have begun the statistical sample process upon. If the statistical sample is insufficient, we will begin canvassing immediately. Please keep in mind that the same equipment used for canvassing absentee ballots is used for canvassing petitions, and thus, we have had to prioritize our machine time appropriately during the canvassing period for the September 17, 2002 Primary.

I will note that I have reviewed the initial statistical calculations for Batch No. 8, and it appears that Initiative 75 will be sufficient within Batch No. 8, submitted to your office on September 23, 2002. We will be completing the work on Batches No. 8, and 9, if necessary, early next week.

Please let me know if I may be of additional assistance at any time.

Sincerely,

Julie Anne Kempf
Superintendent of Elections

CC: Bob Roegner, Records and Elections Manager
Jeff Richard, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Julie Moore, Assistant Superintendent for Election Operations
Nicole Way, Acting Mail Ballot and Petition Supervisor

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THE SENSIBLE SEATTLE INITIATIVE

**An ordinance to establish
a sensible marijuana law
enforcement policy in Seattle**

WARNING: Ordinance 94289 provides as follows: Section 1. It is unlawful for any person: 1. To sign or decline to sign any petition for a City initiative, referendum, or Charter amendment, in exchange for any consideration or gratuity or promise thereof; or 2. To give or offer any consideration or gratuity to anyone to induce him or her to sign or not to sign a petition for a City initiative, referendum, or Charter amendment; or 3. To interfere with or attempt to interfere with the right of any voter to sign or not to sign a petition for a City initiative, referendum, or Charter amendment by threat, intimidation or any other corrupt means or practice; or 4. To sign a petition for a City initiative, referendum, or Charter amendment with any other than his or her true name, or to knowingly sign more than one (1) petition for the same initiative, referendum or Charter amendment measure, or to sign any such petition knowing that he or she is not a registered voter of The City of Seattle. The provisions of this ordinance shall be printed as a warning on every petition for a City initiative, referendum, or Charter amendment. Section 2. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof be punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) or by imprisonment in the City Jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

STOP ARRESTING RESPONSIBLE ADULTS

Initiative petition for submission to the Seattle City Council. See the back of this petition for complete text of the initiative.

To the City Council of the City of Seattle:

We, the undersigned registered voters of The City of Seattle, State of Washington, propose and ask for the enactment as an ordinance of the measure known as Initiative Measure No. 75 entitled: "City of Seattle Initiative Number 75 concerns the enforcement and prosecution of marijuana offenses. The measure would require the Seattle Police and City Attorney to make the investigation, arrest and prosecution of marijuana offenses, where the marijuana was intended for adult personal use, the City's lowest law enforcement priority. A eleven member panel appointed by

the President of the City Council shall assess the effects of the ordinance and submit a comprehensive report to the City Council. Should this Initiative be enacted into law?" a full, true and correct copy of which is included herein, and we petition the Council to enact said measure as an ordinance; and, if not enacted within forty-five (45) days from the time of receipt thereof by the City Council, then to be submitted to the qualified electors of The City of Seattle for approval or rejection at the next regular election or at a special election in accordance with Article IV, Section 1 of the City Charter; and each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a registered voter of The City of Seattle, State of Washington, in the precinct (if known) written after my name, and my residence address is correctly stated.

ONLY CITY OF SEATTLE VOTERS MAY SIGN!

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COMPLETE TEXT OF INITIATIVE MEASURE NUMBER 75

AN ORDINANCE to Establish a Sensible Marijuana Law Enforcement Policy in Seattle

WHEREAS, Seattle and other Washington taxpayers are burdened by the substantial costs of investigating, arresting, prosecuting and jailing people for charges involving marijuana;

WHEREAS, federal education loans are denied to middle-income and lower-income students pursuant to Congressional amendments to the Higher Education Act where applicant students have been convicted of charges involving marijuana;

WHEREAS, Americans were subjected to more than 700,000 arrests for possession of marijuana and arrests related to marijuana and such arrests accounted for nearly half of all drug arrests in the United States in 2000;

WHEREAS, the failures and harms of the Drug War have fallen most heavily on racial minorities and lower income communities, and no racial or economic group in Washington or the United States has escaped the Drug War unharmed;

Now, Therefore, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

A new section 12A.20.060 of the Seattle Municipal Code is added to read as follows:

A. The Seattle Police Department and City Attorney's Office shall make the investigation, arrest and prosecution of marijuana offenses, where the marijuana was intended for adult personal use, the City's lowest law enforcement priority.

B. On or before December 31, 2002, the President of the City Council shall appoint a eleven (11) member Marijuana Policy Review Panel to assess and report on the effects of this ordinance. The Panel shall consist of two (2) members of the City Council, two (2) citizen members, one (1) drug abuse prevention counselor, one (1) harm reduction advocate, one (1) representative of the Seattle Police Department, two (2) criminal defense attorneys, one (1) representative of the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and one (1) representative of the Seattle City Attorney's Office. The President of the City Council shall appoint members to vacancies on the Marijuana Policy Review Panel as necessary. The Marijuana Policy Review Panel shall:

1. Elect a chairperson and meet at least quarterly or more frequently as necessary;
2. By March 31, 2003, establish reporting criteria for the Seattle Police Department and City Attorney's Office to report marijuana arrests and prosecutions; and

3. Submit a comprehensive written report with recommendations to the City Council that will include, but not be limited to, information concerning the public safety, public administration, public health and fiscal impacts of paragraph A. above. This report shall be completed and presented at the first meeting of the full City Council for calendar year 2006.

C. The Seattle Police Department shall report marijuana arrests and the City Attorney's Office shall report marijuana prosecutions, including those undertaken in Seattle by the King County Prosecutor's Office for arrests made in Seattle, to the Marijuana Policy Review Panel on a semi-annual basis in compliance with the criteria established by the Panel.

D. Upon consideration of the report and recommendations submitted by the Marijuana Policy Review Panel pursuant to subparagraph B.3. above, the City Council may modify, repeal or let stand this ordinance.

Severability of provisions

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance or the application of the terms and provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Please return this petition AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. No petitions can be accepted later than August 10, 2002. Please contact us for more information or to volunteer.



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Office of the City Clerk

Judith E. Pippin
City Clerk

September 3, 2002

HAND DELIVERED

Ms. Julie Ann Kempf
Superintendent of Elections
Division of Records and Elections
King County Department of Administration
500 Fourth Avenue, Room 553
Seattle, WA 98104

02 SEP -3 PM 11:30

RE: Seattle Initiative No. 75 - Additional Petitions; Batch 5

Dear Ms. Kempf:

Accompanying this letter are approximately 162 petition pages from the proponents of Seattle Initiative No. 75. The pages have been numbered by the petitioner page 3445 through page 3607. This initiative proposes certain priorities for prosecution for certain marijuana-related offenses.

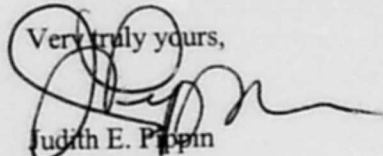
The petitions were filed with this office Tuesday, September 3, 2002 at 9:52 a.m. The petition representatives estimate the pages contain approximately 1,375 signatures. Should the original submission of petition pages, forwarded to you on July 23, 2002, or Batch 2, forwarded to you on August 20, or Batch 3 forwarded to you on August 23, or Batch 4 forwarded to you on August 30, contain an insufficient number of valid signatures of registered Seattle voters to qualify proposed Initiative 75 for the ballot, these additional signatures in Batch 5 should then be verified as valid signatures of Seattle voters.

Because the deadline for introduction of a qualified ballot measure to City Council is dependent upon the date which that final qualifying signature was filed with this office, it is important that verification of the first submitted batch of signatures be completed prior to the second and/or subsequently submitted batches of signatures.

Can you please complete the signature verification process, and issue a Certificate of Sufficiency (or Non-Sufficiency) by Friday, September 13, 2002?

Please call me at 684-8361 if you have any questions or if we can be of assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,


Judith E. Pippin
City Clerk

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RECEIVED BY: *SMcConnell*

Cc: Mayor Greg Nickels
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August 30, 2002

HAND DELIVERED

Ms. Julie Ann Kempf
Superintendent of Elections
Division of Records and Elections
King County Department of Administration
500 Fourth Avenue, Room 553
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: Seattle Initiative No. 75 - Additional Petitions; Batch 4

Dear Ms. Kempf:

Accompanying this letter are approximately 82 petition pages from the proponents of Seattle Initiative No. 75. The pages have been numbered by the petitioner page 3363 through page 3444. This initiative proposes certain priorities for prosecution for certain marijuana-related offenses.

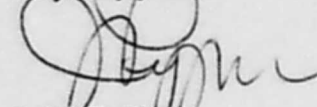
The petitions were filed with this office Friday, August 30, 2002 at 2:20 p.m. The petition representatives estimate the pages contain approximately 453 signatures. Should the original submission of petition pages, forwarded to you on July 23, 2002, or Batch 2, forwarded to you on August 20, or Batch 3 forwarded to you on August 23 contain an insufficient number of valid signatures of registered Seattle voters to qualify proposed Initiative 75 for the ballot, these additional signatures in Batch 4 should then be verified as valid signatures of Seattle voters.

Because the deadline for introduction of a qualified ballot measure to City Council is dependent upon the date which that final qualifying signature was filed with this office, it is important that verification of the first submitted batch of signatures be completed prior to the second and/or subsequently submitted batches of signatures.

Can you please complete the signature verification process, and issue a Certificate of Sufficiency (or Non-Sufficiency) by Friday, September 13, 2002?

Please call me at 684-8361 if you have any questions or if we can be of assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,


Judith E. Pippin
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August 20, 2002

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Ms. Julie Ann Kempf
Superintendent of Elections
Division of Records and Elections
King County Department of Administration
500 Fourth Avenue, Room 553
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: Seattle Initiative No. 75 - Additional Petitions; Batch 2

Dear Ms. Kempf:

Accompanying this letter is one (1) box containing approximately 1,064 petition pages from the proponents of Seattle Initiative No. 75. The pages have been numbered by the petitioner page 2214 through page 3278. This initiative proposes certain priorities for prosecution for certain marijuana-related offenses.

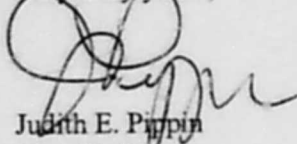
The petitions were filed with this office Monday, August 19, 2002 at 4:05 p.m. The petition representatives estimate the pages contain approximately 6,950 signatures. Should the original submission of petition pages, forwarded to you on July 23, 2002, contain an insufficient number of valid signatures of registered Seattle voters to qualify proposed Initiative 75 for the ballot, these additional signatures should then be verified as valid signatures of Seattle voters.

Because the deadline for introduction of a qualified ballot measure to City Council is dependent upon the date which that final qualifying signature was filed with this office, it is important that verification of the first submitted batch of signatures be completed prior to the second and/or subsequently submitted batches of signatures.

Can you please complete the signature verification process, and issue a Certificate of Sufficiency (or Non-Sufficiency) by Friday, August 30, 2002?

Please call me at 684-8361 if you have any questions or if we can be of assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,


Judith E. Pippin
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July 23, 2002

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Ms. Julie Ann Kempf
Superintendent of Elections
Division of Records and Elections
King County Department of Administration
500 Fourth Avenue, Room 553
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**RECORDS & ELECTIONS
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RECEIVED BY: *R. Sanchez*

RE: Seattle Initiative No. 75

Dear Ms. Kempf:

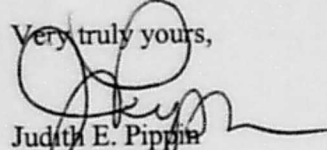
Accompanying this letter is one (1) box containing approximately 2,213 petition pages from the proponents of Seattle Initiative No. 75. The pages have been numbered by the petitioner page 1 through page 2213. This initiative proposes certain priorities for prosecution for certain marijuana-related offenses.

The petitions were filed with this office Monday, July 22, 2002 at 4:27 p.m. The petition representatives estimate the pages contain approximately 19,600 signatures. Please verify these signatures as valid signatures of registered City of Seattle voters. Seventeen thousand two hundred twenty eight (17,228) valid signatures are required for placement of this initiative on an election ballot. It is my understanding at this time that the petitioners will be submitting one or more subsequent batches of signed petition pages.

Should there be a sufficient number of valid signatures on these petition pages to qualify the proposed initiative for the ballot, it will then be introduced to the City Council. Because the Seattle City Charter requires I present a qualified initiative to the Council within 20 days of having received the petition pages, it is critical that careful accounting be made of which petition page (by number) includes the signature which qualifies the measure for the ballot. In order for us to meet the deadline imposed by the city charter, completion of the validation process needs to occur by the close of business Friday, August 2, 2002. I will then schedule introduction of the initiative, should there be sufficient valid signatures, for the regular Full Council meeting of Monday, August 5, 2002.

Please call me at 684-8361 if you have any questions or if we can be of assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,


Judith E. Pippin
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Cc: Mayor Greg Nickels
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Judith E. Pippin
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July 22, 2002

Mr. Ben Livingston
Sensible Seattle Coalition
P.O. Box 45622
Seattle, WA 98145

RE: PROPOSED INITIATIVE NO. 75

Dear Mr. Livingston:

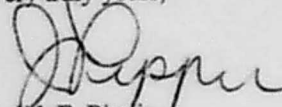
The City of Seattle has received a corrected Certificate of Election from King County Records and Elections, for the November 2001 General Election. The total number of votes cast for Mayor was 172,281.

On March 8, 2002 we notified you that 17,150 valid signatures would be required for your petition to be submitted to the City Council. Having received from the County a corrected number of votes, we must adjust the required number of signatures accordingly. The adjusted number of signatures required is 17,228.

The signed petitions for your initiative, Initiative 75, must be filed with the City Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4, 2002. If at least 17,228 signatures on petitions for Initiative 75 have been filed on or before that date, they will then be transmitted to King County Elections Department for signature verification. A total of at least 17,228 valid Seattle resident registered voter signatures will be required to validate the initiative before transmittal to the City Council.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions. I can be reached at 684-3361.

Very truly yours,



Judith E. Pippin
City Clerk

Cc: Mayor Gregory J. Nickels
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RECEIVED BY: *S. McConnell*

March 11, 2002

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Julie Anne Kempf, Superintendent of Elections
Records and Elections Division
Department of Information and Administrative Services
King County Administration Building, Room 553
500 Fourth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: Proposed Seattle Initiative No. 75

Dear Ms. Kempf:

This is to inform you that a proposed initiative, Initiative No. 75 (Clerk File 305005) has been filed with the Seattle City Clerk. The initiative concerns the enforcement and prosecution of certain marijuana offenses. The proposed initiative was filed on March 1, 2002 at 2:59 p.m.

The City's Law Department, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the City Charter, Seattle Municipal Code Section 2.08, and RCW 29.27.060, has approved the following ballot title:

"City of Seattle Initiative Measure Number 75 concerns the enforcement and prosecution of certain marijuana offenses.

The measure would require the Seattle Police and City Attorney to make cases involving marijuana offenses, where the marijuana was intended for adult personal use, the City's lowest law-enforcement priority. In addition, The City Council President would be required to appoint an 11-member panel to assess the measure's effects and submit a comprehensive written report to the City Council. The Seattle Police and City Attorney would be required to report marijuana arrests and prosecutions to the panel semi-annually.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes.....

No.....

The initiative's proponents have been informed that they must submit 17,150 valid signatures to this office by September 4, 2002, for subsequent submittal to your office for verification.

If you have any questions or if you need additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at 684-8361.

Very truly yours,

Judith E. Pippin
Judith E. Pippin
City Clerk

cc: Carol Van Noy, Executive Director, Seattle Office of Ethics and Elections
Bob Roegner, Manager, King Records and Election Division

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March 8, 2002

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Mr. Ben Livingston
Sensible Seattle Coalition
P.O. Box 45622
Seattle, WA 98145

RE: PROPOSED INITIATIVE NO. 75

Dear Mr. Livingston:

I have approved proposed Initiative No. 75 as to form, as shown on the attached copy. The ballot title for the petition has been prepared to read as follows:

"City of Seattle Initiative Measure Number 75 concerns the enforcement and prosecution of certain marijuana offenses.

The measure would require the Seattle Police and City Attorney to make cases involving marijuana offenses, where the marijuana was intended for adult personal use, the City's lowest law-enforcement priority. In addition, The City Council President would be required to appoint an 11-member panel to assess the measure's effects and submit a comprehensive written report to the City Council. The Seattle Police and City Attorney would be required to report marijuana arrests and prosecutions to the panel semi-annually.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

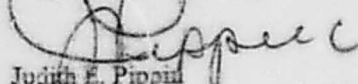
Yes.....
No.....

The initiative process is defined in Article IV Section 1 of the City Charter, Seattle Municipal Code Section 2.08, and Washington State Code (RCW) 29.27.050. You have received copies of these reference materials; if you need additional copies, please let me know.

The signed petitions for Initiative 75 must be filed with the City Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4, 2002. If at least 17,150 signatures on petitions for Initiative 75 have been filed on or before that date, they will then be transmitted to King County Elections Department for signature verification. A total of at least 17,150 valid Seattle resident registered voter signatures will be required to validate the initiative before transmittal to the City Council.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions. I can be reached at 684-8361.

Very truly yours,


Judith E. Pippin
City Clerk

Cc: Mayor Gregory J. Nickels
City Councilmembers
Carol Van Noy, Executive Director, Ethics and Elections Commission
Venerra Knex, Human Services Department
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Judith Pippin, City Clerk
FROM: Ted Inkley,^{TJ} Assistant City Attorney
SUBJECT: Proposed Ballot Title for Initiative 75 (Clerk's file No. 305005)
DATE: March 6, 2002

Via e-mail and hand-delivered

Set out below is a draft ballot title for Initiative Measure No. 75, which proposed initiative was filed with the City Clerk on March 1, 2002. As you know, when time permits this office attempts to allow circulation of such draft ballot titles for informal comment by initiative proponents and any known opponents. Any comments must be received by this office by the close of business tomorrow. I may be reached at 206-615-0788 or 206-684-8200. After having considered any comments, this office will certify a final ballot title before the close of business Friday. After such certification, the title may be formally challenged pursuant to law

Please call me if you have any questions.

Draft Ballot Title for Initiative Measure No. 75:

City of Seattle Initiative Measure Number 75 concerns the enforcement and prosecution of certain marijuana offenses.

The measure would require the Seattle Police and City Attorney to make cases involving marijuana offenses, where the marijuana was intended for adult

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Judith Pippin, City Clerk
March 6, 2002
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personal use, the City's lowest law-enforcement priority. In addition, The City Council President would be required to appoint an 11-member panel to assess the measure's effects and submit a comprehensive written report to the City Council. The Seattle Police and City Attorney would be required to report marijuana arrests and prosecutions to the panel semi-annually.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes.....

No.....

Cc: Carolyn VanNoy, Executive Director, Seattle Ethics and Elections
Suzanne Skinner, Civil Division Director, Law Dept.
Susan Brown, City Clerk's office

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**Legislative Department
Office of City Clerk
Memorandum**

Date: March 1, 2002
To: The Honorable Thomas Carr
City Attorney
From: Judith E. Pippin, City Clerk
Subject: Proposed Initiative Petition – Initiative No. 75

I am forwarding with this memo Clerk File No. 305005, which contains Initiative 75, a proposed initiative petition concerning the enforcement and prosecution of marijuana offenses within the city.

The proposed initiative was filed with the City Clerk's Office on March 1, 2002 at 2:59 p.m., and is submitted pursuant to Article IV, Section 1B of the City Charter, and Seattle Municipal Code 2.08. The initiative is sponsored by the Sensible Seattle Coalition.

The submitter has proposed the following ballot title. This file is transmitted to you for approval of this ballot title or preparation of a substitute ballot title:

"City of Seattle Initiative Measure Number 75 concerns the enforcement and prosecution of marijuana offenses.

The measure would require the Seattle Police and City Attorney to make the investigation, arrest and prosecution of marijuana offenses, where the marijuana was intended for adult personal use, the City's lowest law enforcement priority. A eleven member panel appointed by the President of the City Council shall assess the effects of the ordinance and submit a comprehensive report to the City Council. Should this initiative be enacted into law?"

Cc: Mayor Gregory J. Nickels
City Councilmembers
Carol Van Noy, Executive Director, Ethics and Elections Commission
Venerria Knox, Human Services Department
Police Chief Gil Kerlikowske
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Seattle City Clerk
600 4th Avenue Rm. 104
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Seattle City Clerk,

The Sensible Seattle Coalition asks you to accept our initiative filing; it deals with enforcement and prosecution of marijuana offenses.

Sincerely,



Ben Livingston

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