

CLERK FILE No. **307988**

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Initiative No. 89, requesting the City Council to intervene in the School District's plans to tear down Quincy Jones Auditorium at Garfield High School

Date Filed with Clerk **April 13, 2006**

Received by **Edna Wharton**

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Office of the City Clerk

Judith E. Pippin
City Clerk

April 20, 2006

CERTIFIED MAIL AND E-MAIL

Mr. David Barfield
United to Save Garfield QJ Auditorium
2810 E. Valley Street
Seattle, WA 98112

RE: PROPOSED INITIATIVE NO. 89

Dear Mr. Barfield:

I have reviewed your proposed petition related to Quincy Jones Auditorium at Garfield High School - proposed Initiative No. 89. The petition, as presented, conforms to general standards set forth for initiative petitions. You will need to substitute the Initiative number (99) and your ballot title, with Initiative Number 89 and the ballot title prepared by the City Attorney (see below). Please forward a final copy of your petition when these changes have been made.

The ballot title for the petition, which was emailed to you earlier, has been prepared to read as follows:

"Initiative Measure Number 89 concerns preserving Garfield High School's Quincy Jones Auditorium.

If enacted, the initiative would declare the City's belief that the auditorium should not be torn down, and that its stage and general layout should be preserved. The initiative also would direct the City Council to send a letter communicating this belief to the Seattle School District superintendent and school board; asking that the school district not proceed with plans to demolish the auditorium; and offering City assistance toward this goal, including any City resources the City Council deemed appropriate."

Should this measure be enacted?

Yes.....

No.....

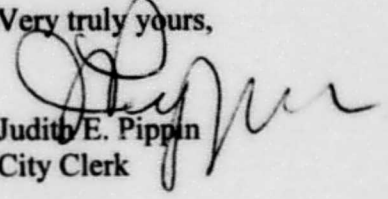
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Mr. David Barfield
April 20, 2006
RE: PROPOSED INITIATIVE NO. 89

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. If you would like copies of these reference materials, please let me know.

The signed petitions for Initiative 89 must be filed with the City Clerk within 180 days from the date of this letter, or on or before October 17, 2006. If at least 17,968 signatures on petitions for Initiative 89 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 17,968 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. You can reach me at 206-684-8361.

Very truly yours,


Judith E. Pippin
City Clerk

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cc: Mayor Gregory J. Nickels
City Councilmembers
Executive Director, Ethics and Elections Commission
King County Records and Elections
Seattle School District
Shellise Montgomery

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SEATTLE CITY ATTORNEY
THOMAS A. CARR

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MEMORANDUM
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TO: Judith Pippin, City Clerk
FROM: *Ted Inkle*
Ted Inkle, Assistant City Attorney
SUBJECT: Ballot Title for Initiative Measure No. 89 (Clerk's File 307988)
DATE: April 19, 2006

Via e-mail and hand-delivered with return of Clerk's File 307988

In response to your memorandum of April 14, 2006, regarding proposed Initiative Measure Number 89, this office has established the following ballot title:

Initiative Measure Number 89 concerns preserving Garfield High School's Quincy Jones Auditorium.

If enacted, the initiative would declare the City's belief that the auditorium should not be torn down, and that its stage and general layout should be preserved. The initiative also would direct the City Council to send a letter communicating this belief to the Seattle School District superintendent and school board; asking that the school district not proceed with plans to demolish the auditorium; and offering City assistance toward this goal, including any City resources the City Council deemed appropriate.

Should this measure be enacted?

Yes.....

No.....

If you have any questions, please contact me at 615-0788.

cc: Thomas Carr, City Attorney

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**Legislative Department
Office of City Clerk
Memorandum**

Date: April 14, 2006

To: The Honorable Thomas Carr
City Attorney

From: Judith E. Pippin, City Clerk

Subject: Proposed Initiative Petition - **Initiative No. 89**

I am forwarding with this memo Clerk File No. 307988 which contains Initiative No. 89, a proposed ordinance to save Garfield High School's Quincy Jones Auditorium.

The proposed initiative was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on Thursday, April 13, 2006 at 4:30 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 United to Save the Garfield Quincy Jones Auditorium.

The title of the Clerk File (CF) is:

"Initiative No. 89, requesting the City Council to intervene in the School District's plans to tear down Quincy Jones Auditorium at Garfield High School."

The file is transmitted to you for preparation of a ballot title.

attachment (CF 307988)

cc: Mayor Gregory J. Nickels
City Councilmembers
Executive Director, Ethics and Elections Commission

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April 13, 2006

Dear Ms. Pippin,

Enclosed is a proposed initiative to save Garfield High Schools' Quincy Jones Auditorium. The contact for this petition is:

David Barfield, Campaign Manager, 206-320-0437

Sincerely,

David Barfield

David Barfield

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SAMPLE PETITION

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Save Garfield High School's Quincy Jones Auditorium

A citizen's initiative to help save the history of Seattle

Initiative petition for submission
to the Seattle City Council.
A complete text of the initiative is on the reverse side.

Return signed petitions to:
United to Save the Garfield Quincy Jones Auditorium
care of Shellise Montgomery
1105 23rd Avenue, Seattle WA 98122

To the City Council and the City of Seattle.

We, the undersigned registered voters of The City of Seattle, State of Washington, propose and ask for the enactment of an ordinance of the measure known as Initiative Measure No. 99 entitled: "City of Seattle Initiative Measure No. 99 concerns the preservation of Garfield High School's historic Quincy Jones auditorium. The measure would put the City of Seattle on record as favoring that the Garfield High School Quincy Jones auditorium should not be torn down; it would require that the City Council send a letter communicating this sentiment to the Seattle School District Superintendent and School Board, requesting that the Seattle School District not proceed with plans to demolish the Garfield auditorium, and offering City assistance to the Seattle School District toward this end, including any City resources that the City Council deems appropriate. 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

	Signature	Printed Name	Street Address	Zip Code	Date
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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, 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.

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COMPLETE TEXT OF INITIATIVE MEASURE NUMBER 99

AN ORDINANCE to offer City assistance in preventing the destruction of Garfield High School's historic Quincy Jones auditorium

WHEREAS, Garfield High School is an official City Landmark;

WHEREAS, the Seattle School District's Facilities Master Plan states that "District consideration of public interest will not be limited to the minimum regulatory requirements of the City Landmark criteria when considering the value of the preservation of historically significant building elements. Where value is identified by the community, the District will strive to preserve, or enhance that which retains the character of the school and consider adaptive reuse to meet educational needs.";

WHEREAS, the Seattle School District's current construction plans would tear out virtually all of the interiors of Garfield;

WHEREAS, the Seattle School District's current construction plans would replace the auditorium with a cafeteria in the summer of 2006;

WHEREAS, something from the inside of Garfield, something familiar and of significance, needs to be kept for the alumni and for the community;

WHEREAS, the Garfield High School Quincy Jones auditorium has always been a part of Garfield, since the school was built in 1923;

WHEREAS, the Garfield auditorium is the place where Martin Luther King Jr. spoke, and it is the place where author Alex Haley (of "Roots" fame) spoke, and it bears the name of 1950 Garfield graduate Quincy Jones;

WHEREAS, the Garfield auditorium is a place that has been familiar to thousands of Garfield students and to the community over many decades;

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

The City of Seattle believes that the Garfield High School Quincy Jones auditorium should not be torn down; the stage and general layout of the auditorium should be kept.

The City Council will send a letter communicating this sentiment to the Seattle School District Superintendent and School Board, requesting that the Seattle School District not proceed with plans to demolish the Garfield auditorium, and offering City assistance to the Seattle School District toward this end, including any City resources that the City Council deems appropriate.

Please return this petition AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Please contact us for more information or to volunteer.

**Return signed petitions to:
United to Save the Garfield Quincy Jones Auditorium
care of Shellise Montgomery
1105 23rd Avenue, Seattle WA 98122
Phone: 206-819-9374**

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News Release

From United to Save the Garfield Quincy Jones Auditorium

For Immediate Release - April 21, 2006

Contact: David Barfield, Campaign Manager, 206-329-0437
Shellise Montgomery, Treasurer, 206-819-9374

City Initiative filed to save historic Garfield auditorium

Garfield High School alumni and community members announced the filing of a City of Seattle Initiative to save the Garfield Quincy Jones auditorium. Unless swift action is taken to stop the current Seattle School District plans, the historic auditorium is scheduled to be torn down as soon as this summer, 2006.

The measure would put the City of Seattle on record as favoring that the Garfield High School Quincy Jones auditorium should not be torn down; it would require that the City Council send a letter communicating this sentiment to the Seattle School District Superintendent and School Board, requesting that the Seattle School District not proceed with plans to demolish the Garfield auditorium, and offering City assistance to the Seattle School District toward this end, including any City resources that the City Council deems appropriate.

"Garfield auditorium is the place where Martin Luther King Jr. spoke, and it is the place where author Alex Haley (of 'Roots' fame) spoke, and it bears the name of 1950 Garfield graduate Quincy Jones," said campaign manager and Garfield alumnus David Barfield.

"Something from the inside of Garfield, something familiar and of significance, needs to be kept for the alumni and for the community," said campaign treasurer and Garfield alumnus Shellise Montgomery. Ms. Montgomery served on Garfield's School Design Team, where she brought up the community's attachment to the Quincy Jones auditorium many times, "but the School District ignored our concerns. Now we are taking the issue to the people."

"The situation with Garfield is typical of what the District has been doing at other schools, ignoring the history of our communities," said Chris Jackins, Coordinator of the Seattle Committee to Save Schools. "We need the City Council to step in and remind the School District of its obligation to preserve the heritage of our city. The outside of the school is an official landmark, but under current District plans, virtually nothing from the inside will remain for the community."

The group is concerned that time is running out. Some 18,000 signatures would be needed to place the Initiative on the ballot, but that might not be quick enough to save the auditorium. However, under City rules, if the group collects twice as many signatures, the Initiative would be required to be placed on the ballot within as little as 60 days.

"We have made appeals of Environmental Impact Statements, of Landmarks Preservation Board decisions, and of building permits. Now we are turning to the people of Seattle, and to their representatives on the City Council. The City Council can step in and pass this Initiative right away, and we ask the Council to take this step as soon as possible," said David Barfield.

The group feels that the community has not been informed of the impending loss of Garfield's Quincy Jones auditorium. "People don't know that this is happening. Time after time we have told people that the auditorium will be lost, and the typical reaction is, 'We can't let them do that!'," said David Barfield. "Our group felt an obligation to inform the public, and to give people a chance to do something to save the auditorium."

"We have a big box of petitions available on the porch outside of my business office, at 1105 23rd Avenue, just a couple of blocks north of Garfield on 23rd," said Shellise Montgomery. "We invite the public to come by and pick up blank petitions anytime, and get moving on getting those signatures! Show your school spirit, show that you care about the history of Seattle and about the history of the African American community. We need the public's help. Thank you in advance for caring."

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David BARFIELD

David Barfield is strongly committed to improving the quality of education in Seattle. It is his home, and the home of those he loves. David is deeply rooted in the community. David stands eager and ready to serve Seattle families and children with his wealth of education and life experience.

A resident of Madison Valley for 44 years, David is a product of Seattle Public Schools: Leschi, Martin Luther King, Meany Jr. High, Roosevelt High, graduated from Garfield.


A tireless volunteer in Seattle schools, David has been a tutor and mentor to young people in the community for 30 years.

I believe that children need to feel supported by the schools and the community-support which is demonstrated by:

- a safe and quality learning environment
- quality teachers and support staff
- quality materials

I want to serve for one reason only: "to improve education for all Seattle children."

CAMPAIGN ADDRESS: 2810 E Valley ST
Seattle, WA 98112
TELEPHONE: 206.329.0437
E-MAIL: barfield@mtlceo.com


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Per phone call 4/19: dbarfield@ewingandclark.com

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