Clerk File No. 308864

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Initiative No. 93, relating to facility leases from the City of Seattle to professional sports organizations.

Date Introduced and Referred:	To: (committee):

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Judith Pippin, City Clerk

FROM:

Jeff Slayton, Assistant City Attorney

SUBJECT:

Ballot Title for Initiative 93 (Clerk File 308864)

DATE:

August 2, 2007

Via e-mail and hand-delivered

In response to your July 26, 2007 memorandum regarding proposed Initiative Measure 93, this office has established the following ballot title:

THE CITY OF SEATTLE INITIATIVE MEASURE NUMBER 93

The City of Seattle Initiative Measure Number 93 concerns restrictions on leasing public property to for-profit professional sports teams.

The measure states that it would prohibit the City of Seattle from taking any action to allow a for-profit professional sports organization to vacate City facilities prior to the end of any existing or future lease. The measure also states that any lease by the City to any for-profit professional sports organization must have a set term and contain a provision allowing the City to compel compliance. Any Seattle resident could sue the City to enforce the measure.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes

No

Those in favor shall vote "Yes;" those opposed shall mark their ballots "No."

If you have any questions, please contact me at 233-2154.

City of Seattle Legislative Department



Office of the City Clerk

Judith E. Pippin City Clerk

August 2, 2007

CERTIFIED MAIL AND E-MAIL

Brian Robinson c/o A Deal is a Deal 2609 NW 97th St. Seattle, WA 98117-2254

RE: PROPOSED INITIATIVE NO. 93

Dear Mr. Robinson:

I have reviewed your proposed petition related to restrictions on leasing public property to forprofit professional sports teams - proposed Initiative No. 93. The petition, as presented, conforms to general standards set forth for initiative petitions. Once you have inserted "93" after "Measure No.", and inserted the ballot title as shown below, within the parentheses after "entitled:", your petition should be ready to go. Please email me a copy of the final petition with these changes for final approval.

The ballot title for the petition has been prepared to read as follows:

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Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes No

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Page 2 Mr. Brian Johnson August 2, 2007 RE: PROPOSED INITIATIVE NO. 93

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 93 must be filed with the City Clerk within 180 days from the date of this letter. The 180th day is a Tuesday (January 29, 2008). If at least 17,968 signatures on petitions for Initiative 93 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,

Ernie Dornfeld Acting City Clerk

cc: Mayor Gregory J. Nickels
City Councilmembers
Executive Director, Ethics and Elections Commission
Robert Nellams, Director of Seattle Center

King County Records and Elections

Chris Van Dyk



Legislative Department Office of City Clerk Memorandum

Date:

July 26, 2007

To:

The Honorable Thomas Carr

City Attorney

From:

Judith Pippin, City Clerk

By:

Emilia M. Sanchez

Subject:

Proposed Initiative Petition - Initiative No. 93

I am forwarding with this memo Clerk File No. 308864, which contains Initiative No. 93, a proposed ordinance relating to facility leases from the City of Seattle to professional sports organizations.

The proposed initiative was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on Thursday, July 26, 2007, at 1:29 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 Brian Robinson (organization name is still pending).

The title of the Clerk File (CF) is:

"Initiative No. 93, relating to facility leases from the City of Seattle to professional sports organizations."

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

attachment (CF 308864)

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

CITY CLERK

July 26, 2007

Via Hand Delivery

Judith Pippin
Seattle City Clerk's Office
600 4th Avenue, Floor 3
PO Box 94728
Seattle, Washington 98124-4728

Re: Proposed Initiative Prohibiting the City of Seattle from Allowing any for-profit Professional Sports Organization to Vacate Facilities Leased from the City prior to the end of the term of any Existing or Future Lease, and Providing a Method to Enforce this Restriction

Dear Ms. Pippin:

Attached for your review is a proposed initiative that I seek to have placed on the ballot this fall for consideration by the voters of Seattle. I am a registered voter in the City of Seattle. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Brian Robinson, Sponsor 2609 NW 97th Street Seattle, WA 98117-2254 (206) 784-2604 Brian Robinson brian@sonicscentral.com

Enclosure

AN ORDINANCE to Prohibit the City of Seattle from Allowing any for-profit Professional Sports Organization to Vacate Facilities Leased from the City prior to the end of the term of any Existing or Future Lease, and Providing a Method to Enforce this Restriction

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Whereas, the Charter of the City of Seattle expressly reserves legislative authority for the City of Seattle to the People of the City of Seattle;

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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. 95 entitled:

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Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes . No .

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, and my residence is correctly stated.

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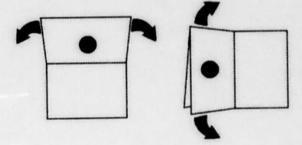
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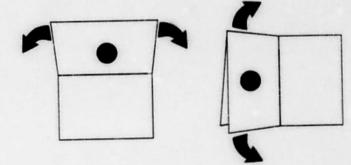
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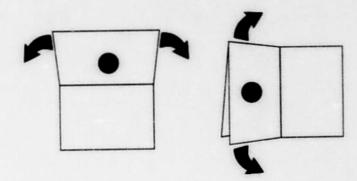
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