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Subject: *Request for Call and Conduct of Special Election, November 4, 2014;
City of Seattle Proposition No. 1A (Initiative Measure No. 107) and 1B
(Ordinance No. 124509) Pertaining to Early Learning Programs and Providers*

Dear Ms. Huff:

Please find enclosed a certified copy of Seattle Resolution No. 31530 and Ordinance No. 124509 (Council Bill 118114), requesting the Director of Elections call and conduct a special election in the City of Seattle in conjunction with the general election to be held November 4, 2014, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors Proposition 1A and 1B as set forth in Resolution No. 31530 and Ordinance No. 124509.

In accordance with Seattle City Charter Article IV, the City Council reviewed Initiative Measure 107 and subsequently rejected it by motion approved by the Council, directing Initiative Measure 107 be placed on the November 4, 2014, general election ballot in accordance with applicable law. In addition, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 124509, an alternative measure pertaining to the same subject as Initiative Measure 107, which conflicts in many particulars.

Pursuant to Section 14 of Ordinance No. 124509, I hereby certify the following ballot titles submitted herewith for Proposition 1A and 1B have been approved the City Attorney in accordance with his responsibilities under RCW 29A.36.071 and RCW 29A.72.050(3):

THE CITY OF SEATTLE PROPOSITION NUMBERS 1A AND 1B

Proposition 1A (submitted by Initiative Petition No. 107) and Proposition 1B (alternative proposed by the City Council and Mayor) concern early learning programs and providers of such services for children.

Proposition 1A (Initiative 107) would establish a \$15 minimum wage for childcare workers (phased in over three years for employers with under 250 employees); seek to reduce childcare costs to 10% or less of family income; prohibit violent felons from providing professional childcare; require enhanced training and certification through a training institute; create a workforce board and establish a fund to help providers meet standards; and hire an organization to facilitate communication between the City and childcare workers.

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As an alternative, the Seattle City Council and Mayor have proposed Proposition 1B (Ordinance 124509), which would fund a City early learning program with the goal of providing a safe, high-quality, affordable, and voluntary preschool option. The Ordinance requires teacher support, training and certification, using proven strategies, tuition support, and evaluation of results in preschools licensed for safety. This proposition authorizes regular property taxes above RCW 84.55 limits, allowing additional 2015 collection of up to \$14,566,630 (approximately 11 cents per \$1,000 assessed value) and \$58,266,518 over four years.

1. Should either of these measures be enacted into law?

Yes

No

2. Regardless of whether you voted yes or no above, if one of these measures is enacted, which one should it be?

Proposition 1A

Proposition 1B

[End of Title]

Should you have any question or require additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (206) 684-8361 or by email at: monica.simmons@seattle.gov.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Monica Martinez Simmons
City Clerk

Enclosures (2): Certified Copies of Resolution No. 31530 and Ordinance No. 124509

Cc: Mayor Ed Murray
City Councilmembers
Peter Holmes, City Attorney
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