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PROPOSED INITIATIVE PETITION SUBMITTAL RECEIPT

Initiative No. 132

On December 2, 2020 at 9:01 a.m. p.m., I filed one paper and one electronic copy of a proposed Initiative Petition with the Seattle City Clerk.

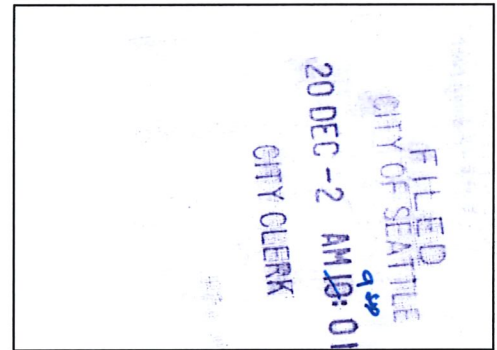
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"INITIATIVE PETITION FOR
SUBMISSION TO THE
SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

"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. entitled: **Title: Permanent Housing Solution** (here set forth the established ballot title of the measure), 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 address is correctly stated.

The current handling of Seattle's homeless population is costing us millions of dollars a year. The encampments and tents in our parks have simply taken a turn for the worse. Seattle's parks are no longer safe places to socialize or take children. Seattle is the third worst city in the U.S when it comes to its homeless population--with over 47% being unsheltered.

The accelerating costs to clean up encampments and tents will not end until we provide permanent housing for those who are homeless. Shelters should remain as short-term emergency solutions, but not the answer to this growing pandemic. Ironically, providing housing will not only help the homeless but keep our community clean, give us continuous access to our parks, promote happiness and pride, and increase our enjoyment of the city. If we solve this problem; our police officers and others would be able to focus their attention on real work and not deal with homelessness when there are tangible solutions. Finding permanent solutions for the homeless is very complicated, and can't be solved overnight, but we can no longer just watch our brothers and sisters laying in various places in our community--pushing them aside as though they were trash. We have to demand more from ourselves and our elected officials.

Five years ago, King County Executive Dow Constantine and Seattle Mayor Ed Murray declared emergencies and outlined new investments to respond to the growing crisis of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in King County and Seattle.

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/elected/executive/constantine/news/release/2015/November/02-homeless-emergency.aspx>

I am calling on Washington State leaders to take the actions outlined in an Emergency declaration outlined five (5) years ago and provide permanent housing for all the homeless people living in our communities. This plan would also provide temporary shelters for every homeless person who needs one. Each year, we should see (very clearly) a reduction in homelessness by the minimum of 25% each year until there are simply no one without permanent housing.

In conclusion, we ask that our lawmakers find sufficient commercial properties to house every single homeless resident in our state. Washington State has the legal authority to exercise this Executive Order in the face of a public health crisis, and we would emphasize that this is also a moral, political, and economic obligation in order for us to save lives. We are now being forced to confront the reality that the life-and-death problems faced by homeless Washingtonians are not only theirs to accept but ours to share as well.

"WARNING

"Ordinance 94289 ^[1] 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."

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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