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Law Department

COUNCIL BILL No.

109097

The City of

AN ORDINANCE abolishing the designation system for the campaign matching fund and repealing Seattle Municipal Code Sections 2.04.600 through 2.04.630.

Honorable President:

Your Committee on Finance, I

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Do pass 4-0

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Campaign matching

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

President:

Committee on Finance, ~~the~~ Budget, Management & Personnel

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Campaign matching fund, SMC

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Committee Chair

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The following are each hereby repealed:

Subchapter VII, Designation for Campaign Matching Fund Account, of the Seattle Municipal Code; Seattle Municipal Code Sections 2.04.600 through Sections 2.04.630; and that part of Ordinance 112008, Section 1, identified as Sections 2.04.600 through 2.04.630.

(To be used for all Ordinances except Emergency.)

Section...2... This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days from and after its passage and approval, if approved by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect at the time it shall become a law under the provisions of the city charter.

Passed by the City Council the 20th day of April, 1992
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 20th day of April, 1992
Geo. E. Benson
President..... of the City Council.

Approved by me this 24th day of April, 1992
Geo. E. Benson
Mayor.

Filed by me this 24th day of April, 1992

Attest:.....
City Comptroller and City Clerk.

By Margaret Carter
Deputy Clerk.

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Your
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Ethics and Elections Commission

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MAR 18 1992

TOM WEEKS
SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER



To: Councilmember Tom Weeks, Council Finance Committee Chair
From: Carolyn M. Van Noy, Executive Director *w*
Date: March 13, 1992
Re: Designation System

The Commission has asked that the City Council consider repealing the designation system contained in SMC 2.04.610-.630 for the following reasons:

1. The designation system does not determine whether the matching fund program will be funded or the amount of funding for the matching fund program. The Code does not provide such a nexus and no effort has been made to use the results in that way. Indeed, if the amount of funds available were determined by the designation responses, the program would have to state different maximum amounts available each election year. The result would be uncertainty for candidates and could undermine the goal of the program--to encourage more contributors with smaller contributions.

2. The present system misleads the public. The designation forms tell citizens that their responses will determine whether the program is funded and by how much. This is a misrepresentation that can lead to lack of confidence in the system, instead of meeting the goal of citizen participation in the process.

3. This program is costly in dollars and human resources. The 1991 designation program cost \$10,000 and the human resources to count the designations received are still not available. With only two people in this office, the more pressing needs have moved the onerous task of counting thousands of labels to the bottom of the priority list. In addition, there is no record in this office that indicates that anyone has ever calculated the number that reject the program or the amount designated by those who support it (each single dwelling can designate up to \$4.00, under SMC 2.04.610(A)). In addition, by continuing the program, this office continues to do deficit spending. The 1991 designation program is funded by dollars in the 1992 budget. The 1993 budget must contain at least \$10,000 to fund the 1992 program, if the Council does not act quickly to repeal the designation system.

Council action is urgently needed because the designations are traditionally sent in the September City Light bill. To do so, a

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rule must be adopted, a contract signed and all of the material submitted to City Light by June 1, 1992, to implement a 1992 designation. The Commission believes that this is a waste of taxpayer money and resources and urges the Council to repeal the designation system contained in SMC 2.04.610-.630.

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SEATTLE CITY ATTORNEY
MARK H. SIDRAN

MEMORANDUM

TO: Hon. Tom Weeks
Chair, Finance, Budget Management and Personnel
Committee

FROM: The Law Department

By Jorgen Bader
Assistant City Attorney

DATE: April 8, 1992

RE: Campaign Matching Fund Designation System

Pursuant to your request, dated March 18, 1992, enclosed please find a proposed ordinance abolishing the designation system for campaign matching funds and repealing Seattle Municipal Code Sections 2.04.600 through 2.04.630. The City had the power to adopt the designation system and has the authority to repeal it. No statute requires the City to maintain a campaign matching fund program, or if it chooses to do so, to include a designation system for allocating funds to the program.

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Enclosure

cc: Mark Sidran

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Tom Thibault

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COMMITTEE(S) REFERRED TO: _____

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STATE OF WASHINGTON - KING COUNTY

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Affidavit of Publication

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 Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days from and after its passage and approval, if approved by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect at the time it shall become a law under the provisions of the city charter.
 Passed by the City Council the 20th day of April, 1992, and signed by me in open

session in authentication of its passage this 20th day of April, 1992.
GEORGE E. BENSON
 President of the City Council.
 Approved by me this 24th day of April, 1992.
GEORGE E. BENSON
 Mayor.
 Filed by me this 24th day of April, 1992.
 Attest: **NORWARD J. BROOKS**,
 City Comptroller and City Clerk.
 (Seal) By **MARGARET CARTER**,
 Deputy Clerk.
 Publication ordered by **NORWARD J. BROOKS**, Comptroller and City Clerk.
 Date of official publication in Daily Journal of Commerce, Seattle, May 8, 1992. 5/8/16636

The undersigned, on oath states that he is an representative of The Daily Journal of Commerce, a paper, which newspaper is a legal newspaper of general and it is now and has been for more than six months the date of publication hereinafter referred to, published in language continuously as a daily newspaper in Seattle, Washington, and it is now and during all of said time d in an office maintained at the aforesaid place of puication of this newspaper. The Daily Journal of Commerce was on the 12th day of June, 1941, approved as a legal newspaper by the Superior Court of King County.

The notice in the exact form annexed, was published in regular issues of The Daily Journal of Commerce, which was regularly distributed to its subscribers during the below stated period. The annexed notice, a

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was published on
05/06/92

The amount of the fee charged for the foregoing publication is the sum of \$ _____, which amount has been paid in full.

C. Trent

Subscribed and sworn to before me on
05/06/92

James P. Nicholson
Notary Public for the State of Washington,
residing in Seattle