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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

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Section 1. It shall be unlawful:

- (1) To sign or decline to sign any petition for a city ordinance initiative or referendum, or a city charter amendment for any consideration or gratuity or promise thereof; or
- (2) To solicit or procure signatures upon a city ordinance initiative or referendum, or city charter amendment petition for any consideration or gratuity or promise thereof; or
- (3) To give or offer any consideration or gratuity to anyone to induce him to sign or not to sign, or to solicit or procure signatures upon, a city ordinance initiative or referendum, or city charter amendment petition; or
- (4) To interfere with or attempt to interfere with the right of any voter to sign or not to sign a city ordinance initiative or referendum, or city charter amendment petition by threat, intimidation or any other corrupt means or practice.

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 (\$500.00) or by imprisonment in the City Jail for a period not to exceed six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(To be used for all Ordinances except Emergency.)

Section 3.... 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 1 day of November, 1965, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 1 day of November, 1965.

Charles M. Carroll
President Pro Tem of the City Council.

Approved by me this 4 day of November, 1965.

J. J. Brannan
Mayor.

Filed by me this 4 day of November, 1965.

C. J. Glendon
Attest:
City Comptroller and City Clerk.

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September 15, 1965

Re: Proposed legislation prohibiting
solicitation of signatures on
legislative petitions.

City Council
Seattle, Washington

Honorable Members:

By letter dated April 21, 1965 former Councilman
Wing Luke requested that we assist him in the preparation
of possible city legislation "restricting solicitation for
pay of signatures for referendums and initiatives" to be
"in line with state legislation on this matter" for pre-
sentation by him to the City Council.

We have prepared and transmit herewith for your con-
sideration and review a draft of a proposed ordinance regu-
lating the solicitation of signatures on petitions for City
ordinance initiatives and referendums, and City charter
amendments, defining offenses and prescribing penalties,
based upon RCW 29.79.490 which proscribes such activities
so far as state initiatives and referendums are concerned.

Yours very truly,

A. L. NEWBOULD
Corporation Counsel

By *John A. Hackett*
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4/21/65
Wing Luke

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE
1106 SEATTLE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98104

April 21, 1965

Honorable A. L. Newbould
Corporation Counsel
City of Seattle

Dear Mr. Newbould:

Action was taken by the Council's Committee of the Whole last Monday requesting information and suggestion as to possible city legislation restricting solicitation for pay of signatures for referendums and initiatives.

As indicated by the attached copy of the minutes, the matter was then referred to the Personnel and Judiciary Committee. I have been subsequently asked by the Chairman of the Committee, Councilman Massart, to confer with you and to bring before the Council suggestions for proposed legislation in line with state legislation on this matter.

I should appreciate it very much if you would give me a call so that I can report to the Council on this request in the near future.

Very truly yours,

Wing Luke

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Att.

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- (1) To sign or decline to sign any petition for a city ordinance, initiative or referendum, or to sign or decline to sign any petition for any consideration or gratuity or promise thereof; or
- (2) To solicit or procure signatures upon a city ordinance, initiative or referendum, or city charter amendment petition for any consideration or gratuity or promise thereof; or
- (3) To give or offer any consideration or gratuity to any one to induce him to sign or not to sign, or to solicit or procure signatures upon, a city ordinance, initiative or referendum, or city charter amendment petition; or
- (4) To interfere with or attempt to interfere with the right of any voter to sign or not to sign a city ordinance, initiative or referendum, or city charter amendment petition, or to induce, intimidate or in any other manner to prevent

Section 2. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be convicted thereof by a justice of the peace or by the court of not more than five hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment in the City Jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 3. 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 1st day of November, 1965, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 1st day of November, 1965.

CHARLES M. CARRILL, President pro tem. of the City Council.

Approved by me this 1st day of November, 1965.

J. D. BRAMAN, Mayor.

Filed by me this 4th day of November, 1965.

Attest: C. G. ERLANDSON, City Comptroller and City Clerk.

(Seal) By W. A. PERINE, Deputy Clerk.

Publication ordered by C. G. ERLANDSON, Comptroller and City Clerk.

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M. E. Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

13th day of November 1965

John Brown

Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at Seattle. (This form officially sanctioned by Washington State Press Association.) Affidavit Form D

The City of Seattle--Legislative Department

MR. PRESIDENT:

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Your Committee on **Judiciary**

NOV 1 1965

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RECOMMENDS THAT THE SAME DO PASS.

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