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RESOLUTION 30896

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WHEREAS, the scope of audits conducted by the City Auditor is much broader than just financial audits and therefore it is more appropriate to have a majority of the entire City Council appoint the City Auditor; and

WHEREAS, a term of office of four years for the City Auditor is more consistent with the terms of other City department heads;

WHEREAS, if the voters approve this proposed Charter amendment, then a companion ordinance (C.B. 115643) will take effect to amend the Seattle Municipal Code to be consistent with the Charter amendment; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subject to the approval of a proposition by a majority of the qualified electors casting votes thereon, Section 2 of Article VIII of the Charter of the City of Seattle is amended as follows:

ARTICLE VIII. Financial and Clerical

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Section 2. CITY AUDITOR: There shall be a City Auditor who shall examine and verify the accuracy of the accounts and records of the City; inspect the receipt, safekeeping, and disbursement of public funds; and perform such other duties as are prescribed by law. The City Auditor shall have a term of four ((six)) years and shall be appointed by ((the Chair of the Finance



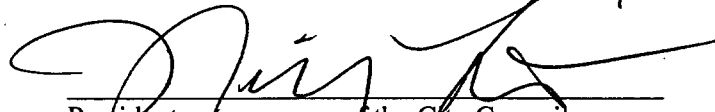
1 ~~Committee, subject to confirmation by~~) a majority of the City Council and may be removed for
2 cause by a majority of the City Council.

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5 Section 2. The King County Director of Records and Elections, as ex officio supervisor
6 of elections, is hereby requested to call a special election and is directed to submit the charter
7 amendment proposed herein to the qualified electors of the City at the election on November 7, 2006.
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10 Section 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the Director of the Department of Records and
11 Elections of King County as Supervisor of Elections the charter amendment proposed herein in the
12 form of a ballot title prepared by the City Attorney pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, and shall certify a
13 copy of the proposed Charter amendment, and the same shall be published by the City Clerk in
14 accordance with state law.
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17 Adopted by the City Council the 31st day of July, 2006, and signed by me in
18 open session in authentication of its adoption this 31st day of July, 2006.

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21 President _____ of the City Council

22 Filed by me this 1 day of August, 2006.

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25 City Clerk

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Legislation Title:

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• **Summary of the Legislation:**

This resolution would submit a proposition to Seattle voters to amend the City Charter to change the appointment authority and term of office of the City Auditor

• **Background:** *(Include brief description of the purpose and context of legislation and include record of previous legislation and funding history, if applicable):*

Both the City Charter and the Seattle Municipal Code currently provide that the Chair of the City Council Finance Committee shall appoint the City Auditor, subject to confirmation by a majority of the City Council, and that the term for the City Auditor is six years. The scope of audits conducted by the City Auditor is much broader than just financial audits, and therefore it is more appropriate to have a majority of the entire City Council appoint the City Auditor. In addition, a term of office of four years for the City Auditor is more consistent with the terms of other City department heads. Therefore the City Council is proposing this Charter amendment to change the appointment authority and term of office of the City Auditor.

If the voters approve this proposed Charter amendment, then a companion ordinance will take effect to amend the Seattle Municipal Code to be consistent with the Charter amendment.

• *Please check one of the following:*

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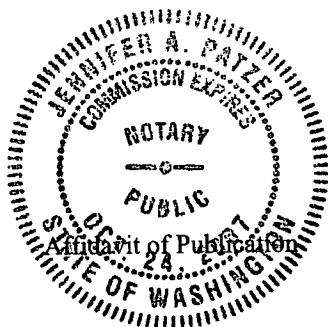
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State of Washington, King County

City of Seattle

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Nick Licata

President of the City Council

Filed by me this 31st day of July, 2006.

(Seal) Judith Pippin

City Clerk

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City Clerk

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