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WHEREAS, for a number of other City boards and commissions, the Council and Mayor share appointment authority, each appointing roughly half the members of the board or commission; and

WHEREAS, sharing appointment authority for members of boards and commissions between the Council and Mayor provides for broader representation and greater accountability; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Municipal Code is a more appropriate place than the City Charter to specify the details about appointment of members of boards and commissions, and in fact most boards and commissions are described and regulated via the Seattle Municipal Code and not via the Charter; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has passed Council Bill 115644 as a companion to this proposed Charter amendment, and if the voters approve the Charter amendment, then this Council Bill will take effect and will add language to the Seattle Municipal Code providing that the City Council and the Mayor will each appoint seven members of the Planning Commission and the fifteenth member shall be appointed by the Commission as constituted; NOW THEREFORE,

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



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

4 **ARTICLE XIV. City Planning Commission**

5 **Section 1.** There shall be a City Planning Commission composed of such number of
6 members, with such qualifications and serving such terms of office as shall be provided by
7 ordinance. The manner in which members of such Commission shall be appointed shall be
8 provided by ordinance. ~~((Appointment shall be by the Mayor, subject to the confirmation by a~~
9 ~~majority of the City Council.))~~

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11 **Section 2.** ~~((The Mayor may remove any member of the City Planning Commission~~
12 ~~subject to like confirmation.))~~ Members shall receive no compensation for service on said
13 Commission as such. Such membership shall not constitute a violation of Article XIX, Sec. 10 of
14 this Charter.
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19 **Section 2.** If the amendment to Section 2 of Article XIV submitted by Resolution
20 30892 is also approved by voters, both changes to Section 2 of Article XIV shall be incorporated
21 into the Charter.
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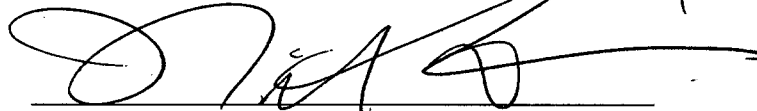
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24 **Section 3.** The King County Director of Records and Elections, as ex officio
25 supervisor of elections, is hereby requested to call a special election and is directed to submit the
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1 charter amendment proposed herein to the qualified electors of the City at the election on
2 November 7, 2006.

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4 Section 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the Director of the Department of Records
5 and Elections of King County as Supervisor of Elections the charter amendment proposed herein
6 in the form of a ballot title prepared by the City Attorney pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, and
7 shall certify a copy of the proposed Charter amendment, and the same shall be published by the
8 City Clerk in accordance with state law.
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11 Adopted by the City Council the 31st day of July, 2006, and signed by me
12 in open session in authentication of its adoption this 31st day of July, 2006.
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16 President _____ of the City Council

17 Filed by me this 1 day of August, 2006.
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21 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 for Planning Commission members.

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

The City Charter currently provides that the Mayor shall appoint Planning Commission members, subject to confirmation by the City Council. For a number of other City boards and commissions, the Council and Mayor share appointment authority, each appointing roughly half the members of the board or commission. Sharing appointment authority for members of boards and commissions between the Council and Mayor provides for broader representation and greater accountability. In addition, the Seattle Municipal Code is a more appropriate place than the City Charter to specify the details about appointment of members of boards and commissions, and in fact most boards and commissions are described and regulated via the Seattle Municipal Code and not via the Charter.

Therefore, the City Council is proposing in this resolution that the City Charter be amended to provide that the manner in which members of the Planning Commission are appointed shall be provided by ordinance. The City Council has passed a companion ordinance to this proposed Charter amendment, and if the voters approve the Charter amendment, then this ordinance will take effect and will add language to the Seattle Municipal Code providing that the City Council and the Mayor will each appoint seven members of the Planning Commission and the fifteenth member shall be appointed by the Commission as constituted.

• *Please check one of the following:*

This legislation does not have any financial implications. *(Stop here and delete the remainder of this document prior to saving and printing.)*



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CITY OF SEATTLE, CLERKS OFFICE

No.

Affidavit of Publication

The undersigned, on oath states that he is an authorized representative of The Daily Journal of Commerce, a daily newspaper, which newspaper is a legal newspaper of general circulation and it is now and has been for more than six months prior to the date of publication hereinafter referred to, published in the English language continuously as a daily newspaper in Seattle, King County, Washington, and it is now and during all of said time was printed in an office maintained at the aforesaid place of publication 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.

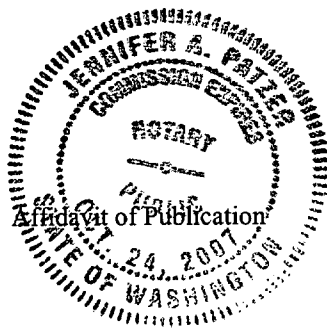
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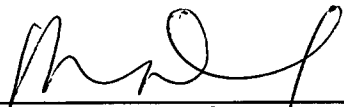
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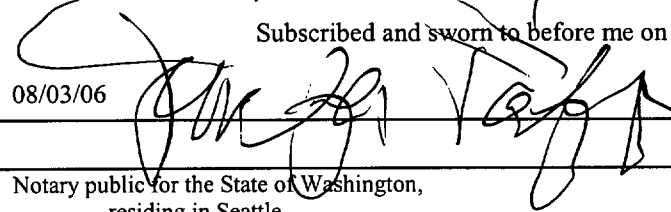
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The amount of the fee charged for the foregoing publication is the sum of \$ 158.70, which amount has been paid in full.





Subscribed and sworn to before me on
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Notary public for the State of Washington,
residing in Seattle

State of Washington, King County

City of Seattle

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Section 2. If the amendment to Section 2