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LICATA

Pass 2-1 as amended (version 2a)

Yes: Licata, Steinbrueck

No: Godden

LICATA

Introduced: <u>6-11-07</u>	By: <del>Public Safety</del> <u>Public Safety, Governmental Relations and AMFS.</u>
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For July 30 Full Council

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7-30-07 Adopted As Amended

6-2 (No: Drago, Godden

Excused: Conlin)

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7 **ARTICLE V. Executive Department**

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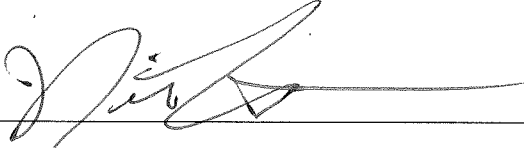
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**FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS**

<b>Department:</b>	<b>Contact Person/Phone:</b>	<b>DOF Analyst/Phone:</b>
Legislative	Judith Pippin 684-8361	

**Legislation Title:**

A RESOLUTION submitting a proposition to the qualified electors of the City, at an election to be held on November 6, 2007, to amend Section 6 of Article V of the Charter of the City of Seattle to clarify the time of year the Mayor is to present his or her annual address to the Council, and add a provision for a second address to the Council each calendar year; calling on the City Clerk to certify the proposed amendment to the Director of the Department of Records and Elections of King County and requesting and directing such Director to call a special election and submit the proposition to City voters; and providing for the publication of such proposed amendment.

**Summary of the Legislation:**

This legislation sends a question to the voters for the November 2007 ballot that, if passed, amends the City Charter to specify when and where the Mayor delivers the annual state-of-the-city address and the presents his/her annual proposed budget to the Council.

**X This legislation does not have any financial implications**

Adding this item to the ballot this year will not increase the costs charged to the City by King County Elections for the election. Costs for including the measure in the voters' pamphlet and other required publications is expected to be marginal and can be covered by funds already appropriated in the 2007 budget.



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**Legislative Department  
Office of City Clerk  
Memorandum**

**Date:** July 19, 2007  
**To:** Councilmembers  
**From:** Judith E. Pippin, City Clerk  
Theresa Dunbar, Deputy Clerk *Theresa Dunbar*  
**Subject:** Divided Report, Resolution 30987  
Charter Amendment Related to Mayor's Annual Address to Council

The July 17, 2007 PSGRA Committee vote on Resolution 30987 was divided 2-1. Voting for a recommendation to Full Council to adopt were Councilmembers Licata and Steinbrueck, and voting against a recommendation of adoption was Councilmember Godden.

A divided report was prepared and reviewed by the voting committee members, and is attached. Full Council vote on the resolution is scheduled for Monday, July 30.

Please call me (4-8361) or Theresa (4-8142) if you have any questions about this report.

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# **DIVIDED REPORT**

## **Resolution 30987**

### **Resolution 30987:**

Resolution 30987, as recommended by the Public Safety, Governmental Relations and Arts Committee in a Divided Report on Tuesday, July 17, 2007, sends a question to the voters for the November 2007 ballot that, if passed, would amend the City Charter to specify that the Mayor will communicate the State of the City to the Council at its third regular meeting in February; and will communicate by message at a regular Council meeting, his or her recommendations for the adoption of a City Budget

### **Background:**

Article V of the City Charter currently specifies that it is the duty of the Mayor to deliver a "State of the City" message to the City Council each year at the third Council meeting in June.

Since 1992 Mayors have elected to deliver this Address to the Council at a regular Council meeting during the first quarter of the year, and not June as specified in the Charter.

It has become the common practice for the Mayor to also appear before the Council annually at a regular Council meeting in September to present his proposed budget for the City for the coming year.

### **Committee Action:**

On Tuesday, July 16, the Public Safety, Governmental Relations and Arts Committee, voted 2-1 to recommend that the Full Council Adopt Resolution 30987 as amended.

### **Majority Report: Pass as Amended**

Licata, Steinbrueck

The Council has an obligation to update the Charter to reflect the actual processes and procedures that the City currently follows, just as it has done for many other sections of the Charter over the past several years.

City Council should continue the practice of receiving these two annual addresses from the Mayor at regular Full Council meetings where there is maximum public exposure.

Like the US Congress' reception of the State of the Union Address, the City Council should expect the Mayor to communicate the state of the city directly to another branch of government, not a private club with limited public access, and no guarantee of media coverage or public accessibility.

The City Council should not have to wait several months after delivery of the speech to be given a copy.

**MINORITY REPORT: Do Not Pass**  
**Godden**

We should not clutter up the ballot with internal issues.

Attention should be focused on public safety, parks, utilities and other City services; this issue should be addressed internally.

There has been no public concern expressed about this issue.

It is not necessary to update the Charter to settle an intragovernmental dispute at this time just because certain current practices don't conform with it.

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**STATE OF WASHINGTON – KING COUNTY**

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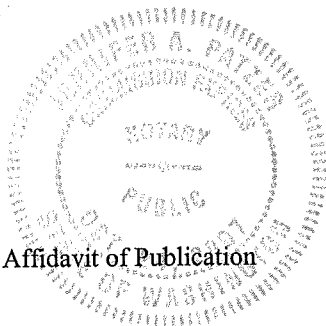
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# State of Washington, King County

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Nick Licata

President of the City Council

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(Seal) Judith Pippin

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