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Sponsored by:

STEINBRUECK

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(Steinbrueck, Licata, Godden)

for July 30 Full Council (E L)

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WHEREAS, the City of Seattle, like any other municipality or organization, can benefit from recognizing a common set of principles and values; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:

Section 1: Subject to the approval of a proposition by a majority of the qualified electors casting votes thereon, the Charter of the City of Seattle is amended to add prior to Article I:

"PREAMBLE


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Section 2. The King County Director of Records and Elections, as ex officio supervisor of elections, is hereby requested to call a special election and is directed to submit the charter amendment proposed herein to the qualified electors of the City at the election on November 6, 2007.

Section 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the Director of the Department of Records and Elections of King County as Supervisor of Elections the charter amendment proposed herein in the form of a ballot title prepared by the City Attorney pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, and shall certify a copy of the proposed Charter amendment, and the same shall be published by the City Clerk in accordance with state law.

Adopted by the City Council the 30th day of July, 2007, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 30th day of July, 2007.



President of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:
Returned Unsigned
by Mayor

Mayor

Filed by me this 6th day of August, 2007.



City Clerk

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**Legislative Department
Office of City Clerk
Memorandum**

Date: August 7, 2007
To: Councilmembers
From: Laurel Humphrey for Judith E. Pippin, City Clerk
Subject: Mayor's Non-Concurrence - Resolution 30992
RE - Charter Amendments

On August 6, 2007 Mayor Nickels returned to this office without his concurrence, *Resolution 30992, A Resolution submitting a proposition to the qualified electors of the City, at an election to be held on November 6, 2007, to add a preamble to the Charter of the City of Seattle, etc..* The Council adopted this Resolution on July 30, 2007.

The absence of the Mayor's concurrence, when requested, does not invalidate a Resolution, and no further action is required of Council for this Resolution.

The Mayor did not provide a message containing his reason(s) for declining to sign the Resolution.

FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

Department:	Contact Person/Phone:	DOF Analyst/Phone:
Legislative	Stephanie Pure 684-8804	

Legislation Title:

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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 add a preamble at the beginning of the Charter, before Article I.

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

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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13 Adopted by the City Council the ____ day of ____, 2007, and signed by me
14 in open session in authentication of its adoption this ____ day of ____, 2007.
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17 _____
18 President ____ of the City Council

19 THE MAYOR CONCURRING:
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21 _____
22 Mayor

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24 Filed by me this ____ day of ____, 2007.
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26 _____
27 City Clerk
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(Seal)



STATE OF WASHINGTON – KING COUNTY

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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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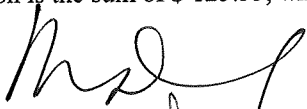
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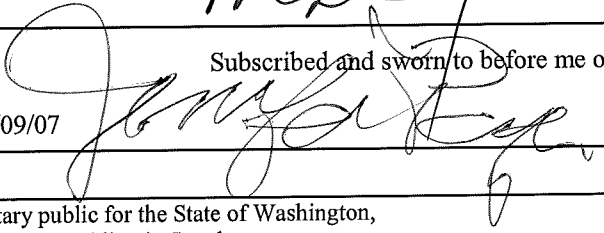
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on
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Nick Licata

President of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Filed by me this 6th day of August, 2007.

(Seal) Judith Pippin

City Clerk

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City Clerk

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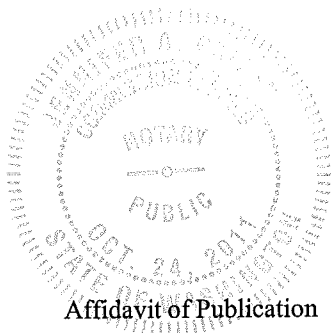
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Amela Oglesky
Subscribed and sworn to before me on
11/19/07 *[Signature]*

Notary public for the State of Washington,
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State of Washington, King County

City of Seattle

I, Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor of the City of Seattle, certify that the following amendments to the Charter of the City of Seattle were submitted to the qualified electors (voters) of the City of Seattle for their ratification or rejection

at the General Election held Tuesday, November 6, 2007:

CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 17 - Preamble to the City Charter - Resolution No. 30992

Add to the Charter prior to Article I:

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CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 18 - Mayor's Annual Messages - Resolution No. 30987

ARTICLE V. Executive Department

Sec. 6. ANNUAL MESSAGES; SPECIAL MESSAGES:

A. It shall be the duty of the Mayor annually at the third regular meeting of the City Council in February, to communicate by message to the Council a statement of the conditions and affairs of the City, and to recommend the adoption of such measures as he or she may deem expedient and proper; and

B. It shall be the duty of the Mayor annually at a regular City Council meeting, at the time he or she presents his or her proposed budget, to communicate by message to the Council his or her recommendation for the adoption of such budget; and

C. The Mayor shall, further, have the right to make special communication to the City Council from time to time as he or she may deem useful and proper.

NOW THEREFORE, the results of said election having been duly reported to me, I, Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor of the City of Seattle,

PROCLAIM that said Charter Amendments 17 and 18, by virtue of such approval by the electors, become, and are, a part of the City Charter of the City of Seattle.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this proclamation and cause the corporate seal of the City of Seattle to be affixed hereto, and for it to be attested by the City Clerk of the City of Seattle this 14th day of November 2007.

/s/ Gregory J. Nickels

Gregory J. Nickels

Mayor of the City of Seattle

ATTEST: /s/ Judith E. Pippin

Judith E. Pippin, City Clerk

Date of publication in the Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce, November 19, 2007.

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