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Via E-mail and USPS

March 16, 2017

Devin Silvernail
Seattleites for Rent Transparency
603 12th Avenue E #303
Seattle, WA 98102

SUBJECT: *Proposed Initiative Measure No. 127,
concerning establishing rules for transparency in rental pricing*

Dear Mr. Silvernail:

Please be advised the ballot title for proposed Initiative Measure No. 127, filed on Thursday, March 9, 2017, has been prepared by the City Attorney's Office in accordance with SMC 2.08.020 and RCW 29A.36.071. The title reads as follows:

THE CITY OF SEATTLE
INITIATIVE MEASURE NUMBER 127

City of Seattle Initiative Measure 127 concerns regulations requiring landlords to disclose costs covered by rental fees.

If approved, this initiative would require property owners or landlords to provide a written breakdown of costs included in the price of rent, including base rent, mortgage, insurance, property taxes and other costs. This breakdown would be provided to existing tenants and included in every new rental agreement and rent increase notice. Tenants could request written evidence of the costs. Certain property types would be exempt. Reporting requirements, arbitration procedures, and monetary penalties for non-compliance are included.

Should this initiative measure be approved?

Yes []

No []

[End of Title]

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The initiative process is outlined in Article IV, Section 1 of the City Charter, Seattle Municipal Code Section 2.08, and the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 29A.36.071, 29A.36.080 and 29A.36.090. Please be advised the signed petitions for Initiative Measure No. 127 must be filed with the City Clerk within 180 days from approval notification. The 180-day count will begin Friday, March 17, 2017. The number of signatures required shall be equal to or not less than ten percent of the total number of votes cast for the office of Mayor at the last preceding municipal election (2013). The minimum number of resident registered voter signatures required is 20,638. The last date that signatures may and shall be filed with my office is Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. Once the petitions are filed, the appropriate documentation and petition signatures will be processed and transmitted to the King County Elections Department for verification of the sufficiency of signatures in accordance with state law. If King County Elections Department determines there are insufficient verified signatures, an additional 20-day period shall be allowed.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (206) 684-8361 or via e-mail at monica.simmons@seattle.gov.

Sincerely,



Monica Martinez Simmons
City Clerk

Cc: Peter Holmes, City Attorney
Carlton Seu, Assistant City Attorney