



**City of Seattle Legislative Department
Office of the City Clerk**

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

Via E-mail and USPS

April 13, 2015

Cleveland Stockmeyer, PLLC
8056 Sunnyside Ave. N.
Seattle, WA 98103

SUBJECT: Proposed Initiative Measure No.122, relating to a "Democracy Vouchers" program for public finance of local campaigns

Dear Mr. Stockmeyer:

Please be advised proposed Initiative Measure No. 122, filed on April 6, 2015, has been approved as to form. The associated ballot title has been prepared by the City Attorney's Office in accordance with SMC 2.08.020 and RCW 29A.36.071 and reads as follows:

**THE CITY OF SEATTLE
INITIATIVE MEASURE NUMBER 122**

The City of Seattle Initiative Measure Number 122 concerns public participation in government, including publicly-financed election campaigns, and lobbying.

If enacted, the measure would limit election campaign contributions from entities receiving City contracts totaling \$250,000 or more, or from persons spending \$5,000 or more for lobbying; require 24-hour reporting of electronic contributions; require paid signature gatherer identification; limit lobbying by former City officials; create a voluntary program for public campaign financing through \$100 vouchers issued to registered voters funded by ten years of additional property taxes, with \$3,000,000 (approximately \$0.0194/\$1000 assessed value) collected in 2016.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes
No

Those in favor shall vote "Yes;" those opposed shall mark their ballots "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 Washington State Code (RCW) 29A.36.071, 29A.36.080 and 29A.36.090. Please be advised the signed petitions for Initiative Measure No. 122 must be filed with the City Clerk within 180 days from approval notification. The 180-day count will begin Tuesday, April 14, 2015. The number of signatures required shall be equal to or not less than ten (10) 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 Monday, October 12, 2015, at 5:00p.m. An additional 20 days may be requested at that time if you do not have sufficient signatures. The appropriate documentation and petition signatures will then be transmitted to the King County Elections Department for verification of the sufficiency of signatures in accordance with state law.

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