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**OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**  
**LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT**

*Via Email*

June 30, 2017

Ms. Hilery Avritt  
2534 34th Ave. S.  
Seattle, WA 98144

SUBJECT: *Proposed Charter Amendment No. 26 relating to ranked choice voting*

Dear Ms. Avritt:

Please be advised Charter Amendment Measure No. 26 has been approved as to form subject to receipt of the final edited version of the proposed Charter Amendment filed on June 26, 2017.

The following 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**  
**CHARTER AMENDMENT NUMBER 26**

Charter Amendment No. 26 concerns ranked-choice voting for Seattle municipal elections.

If passed, this charter amendment would create ranked-choice voting for Seattle municipal primaries or, if legally permissible, eliminate primary elections and have ranked-choice voting for general elections. Ranked-choice voting would allow voters to rank candidates in order of choice. If a voter's first choice received the fewest votes, then that voter's second choice would be counted and so on, until only two candidates remained for a primary or, if no primary was held, one candidate remained for a general election.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes

No

***[end of title]***

Please note petitions will be transmitted to King County within three business days after they have been filed with the Office of the City Clerk at which time King County Elections will verify the validity of the signatures to determine sufficiency or insufficiency. The required amount of signatures is 15% of the votes cast in the last mayoral election (2013), calculated at 30,957 valid signatures. Please also note all signatures followed by a date of signing which is more than six months prior to the date of filing of the petition with the City Clerk shall be stricken pursuant to RCW 35.21.005(8).

Should this proposal receive a sufficient number of signatures, there will be an opportunity to have an explanatory statement as well as pro and con statements prepared for the local voter pamphlet.

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

Sincerely,



Monica Martinez Simmons  
City Clerk