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LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

*Via Email*

June 30, 2017

Julie Wise, Director  
King County Elections  
919 Southwest Grady Way  
Renton, WA 98057-2906

*Subject: Proposed City Charter Amendment No. 26, relating to ranked choice voting*

Dear Ms. Wise:

Please be advised that the proposed subject Charter Amendment was filed with my office on Monday, June 26, 2017, and designated Charter Amendment No. 26. This proposed Charter Amendment has been filed as Clerk File No. 320306.

The Seattle City Attorney's Office has provided the following ballot title:

**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]***

Julie Wise, Director

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The proponents have been informed that the minimum number of resident registered voter signatures required is 30,957. Petitioners were also made aware that 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 you have any questions or if you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (206) 684-8361 or email [monica.simmons@seattle.gov](mailto:monica.simmons@seattle.gov).

Sincerely,



Monica Martinez Simmons  
City Clerk

cc: Mayor Edward Murray  
City Councilmembers  
Peter Holmes, City Attorney  
Wayne Barnett, Executive Director, SEEC