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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

Via Email

September 15, 2017

Ms. Cindy Black
1402 3rd Ave #201
Seattle, WA 98101

SUBJECT: *Proposed Charter Amendment No. 27 relating to ranked choice voting*

Dear Ms. Black:

This notice acknowledges the receipt and filing of proposed City Charter Amendment 27 with the Office of the City Clerk on Friday, September 8, 2017, at 2:26 p.m. An identification number was issued for the proposed amendment upon filing and provided for your record.

Please be advised Charter Amendment Measure No. 27 has been reviewed for compliance and contains the appropriate formatting requirements once the following edits have been made:

1. Modification to the petition text:
To the City Council of The City of Seattle:
We, the undersigned registered voters of The City of Seattle, State of Washington, propose and ask for the amendment to the Seattle City of Seattle Charter known as Charter Amendment Measure No. entitled:
2. Petition line 20 falls on page two. All petition lines must be on one page.

The following ballot title has also been prepared by the City Attorney's Office in accordance with SMC 2.08.020 and RCW 29A.36.071 and reads as follows:

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**THE CITY OF SEATTLE
CHARTER AMENDMENT NUMBER 27**

Charter Amendment No. 27 concerns ranked-choice voting for Seattle municipal elections.

If passed, this charter amendment would create ranked-choice voting for Seattle municipal primaries or, if state law permits, 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

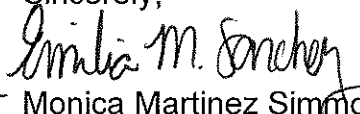
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Please note petitions will be transmitted to King County within three business days after they have been filed with the Office of the City Clerk at which time King County Elections will verify the validity of the signatures to determine sufficiency 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.

Sincerely,

for 
Monica Martinez Simmons
City Clerk