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*Via E-mail: neighborhoodwarrior@gmail.com*

November 29, 2018

Elizabeth Campbell  
3213 W. Wheeler Street, No. 271  
Seattle, WA 98199

SUBJECT: *Proposed Initiative Measure No. 128,  
to repeal the excise tax on sweetened beverages*

Dear Ms. Campbell:

Please be advised the ballot title for proposed Initiative Measure No. 128, filed on Tuesday, November 20, 2018, 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 128**

Initiative 128 concerns repealing Seattle's tax on the distribution of sweetened beverages.

If passed, this initiative would repeal Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 5.53, which imposes a tax on the distribution of sweetened beverages for retail sale in Seattle. Up to \$6,500,000 of tax proceeds are dedicated to the Promise College program and job training. The remainder may be spent on administration of the tax, preschool, and healthy-food programs. The initiative would also remove references elsewhere in the Seattle Municipal Code to Chapter 5.53.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

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 Sections 29A.36.071, 29A.36.080 and 29A.36.090. Please be advised the signed petitions for Initiative Measure No. 128 must be filed with the City Clerk within 180 days from approval notification. The 180-day count will begin Friday, November 30, 2018. 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 (2017). The minimum number of resident registered voter signatures required is 22,040. The last date that signatures may and shall be filed with my office is Tuesday, May 28, 2019, 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 the 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](mailto:monica.simmons@seattle.gov).

Sincerely,



Monica Martinez Simmons  
City Clerk

Cc: Peter Holmes, City Attorney  
Jeff Slayton, Assistant City Attorney