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**SEATTLE CITY CLERK**

Via E-Mail: P. Stephen DiJulio <steve.dijulio@foster.com >

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SUBJECT: *Receipt of Proposed Charter Amendment No. 29 -  
concerning actions to address homelessness and  
keep areas clear of encampments*

Dear P. Stephen DiJulio:

Please be advised the ballot title for proposed Charter Amendment No. 29, filed on Thursday, April 15, 2021, 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  
CHARTER AMENDMENT NUMBER 29**

City of Seattle proposed Charter Amendment No. 29 concerns actions to address homelessness and keep areas clear of encampments.

This measure would require the City to provide 2,000 housing units within one year; and, until 2028: waive land use regulations and charges for such housing during declared emergencies; fund behavioral health and addiction treatment; dedicate minimum 12% of annual general fund revenue to homelessness and human services without affecting certain parks funding; implement diversion programs for law violations connected to poverty or behavioral health; and balance keeping public spaces clear of encampments with avoiding harm to individuals.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_\_

[End of Title]

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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 fifteen percent (15%) of the votes cast in the last mayoral election (2017), calculated at 33,060 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

cc: Mayor Jenny Durkan  
City Councilmembers  
Wayne Barnett, Executive Director, Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission  
Gary Smith, City Attorney's Office  
John Schochet, City Attorney's Office  
Elizabeth M. Adkisson, Deputy Director, Office of the City Clerk