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SEATTLE CITY CLERK

Via Email: savageforseattle@gmail.com

August 5, 2025

Attn: Rachel Savage

Subject: *Proposed Initiative Measure No. 138*
In re: an ordinance relating to public space regulation.

Dear Rachel:

Please be advised the ballot title for proposed Initiative Measure No. 138, filed on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, 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 138

City of Seattle Initiative Measure 138 concerns prohibiting residing, camping, or storing personal property in public spaces.

This measure would make it a criminal misdemeanor for any person to camp, reside, or store personal property in any public space in Seattle, regardless of shelter availability. The misdemeanor replaces civil penalties for sitting or lying down on public sidewalks in Downtown and Neighborhood Commercial zones, and for unauthorized camping on park property. Officers may still offer shelter or services prior to enforcement. The City's existing regulations and procedures for property removal and storage would still apply.

Should this measure be approved?

Yes ☐

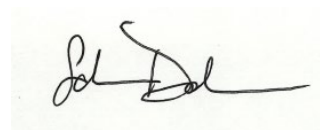
No ☐

[End of Title]

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. 138 must be filed with the City Clerk within 180 days from approval notification. 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 (2021). The minimum number of resident registered voter signatures required is 26,521. 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 Scheereen.dedman@seattle.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scheereen Dedman', is centered below the 'Sincerely,' text.

Scheereen Dedman
City Clerk

cc: Mayor Bruce Harrell
City Councilmembers
Wayne Barnett, Executive Director, Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission
Ann Davison, City Attorney
Gary Smith, City Attorney's Office
Ben Noble, Director, Council Central Staff
Lauren Henry, Legislative Legal Counsel