

RESOLUTION No. 30829

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### Law Department

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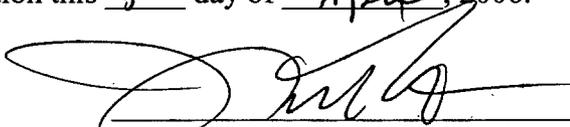
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9           Section 2. The Council requests that the Executive direct the Seattle Department  
10 of Parks and Recreation (Parks) to undertake feasibility, siting and acquisition studies of  
11 potential park sites, not less than a half block in size in the Belltown neighborhood.  
12 Additionally, the Council requests that the Executive direct Parks to study the feasibility of  
13 expanding the Green Street program in Belltown to include conversion of Green Streets to linear  
14 parks or street parks, where appropriate. The Council further requests that the Executive provide  
15 a progress report to the Council's Parks, Neighborhoods and Education Committee, or its  
16 successor Committee, by July 1, 2006 and final report by September 1, 2006.  
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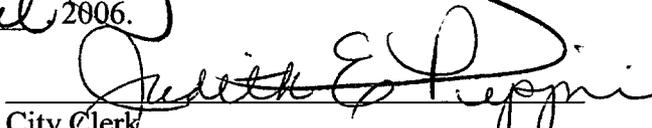
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President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

  
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Mayor

Filed by me this 14 day of April, 2006.

  
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**Legislation Title:**

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• **Summary of the Legislation:**

This resolution declares the Council's intent to explore acquisition of property in Belltown for a public park not less than 1/2-block in size and requests that the Executive direct the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation to begin feasibility studies related to development of a park in Belltown.

• **Background:**

This resolution, sponsored by Councilmember Steinbrueck, has its genesis in Urban Development and Planning Committee review of the Executive's proposal for changes to downtown height and density. In the course of review, the Committee has identified areas related to downtown "livability" that include provision of usable public open space.

• *Please check one of the following:*

**This legislation does not have any financial implications.** *(Stop here and delete the remainder of this document prior to saving and printing.)*



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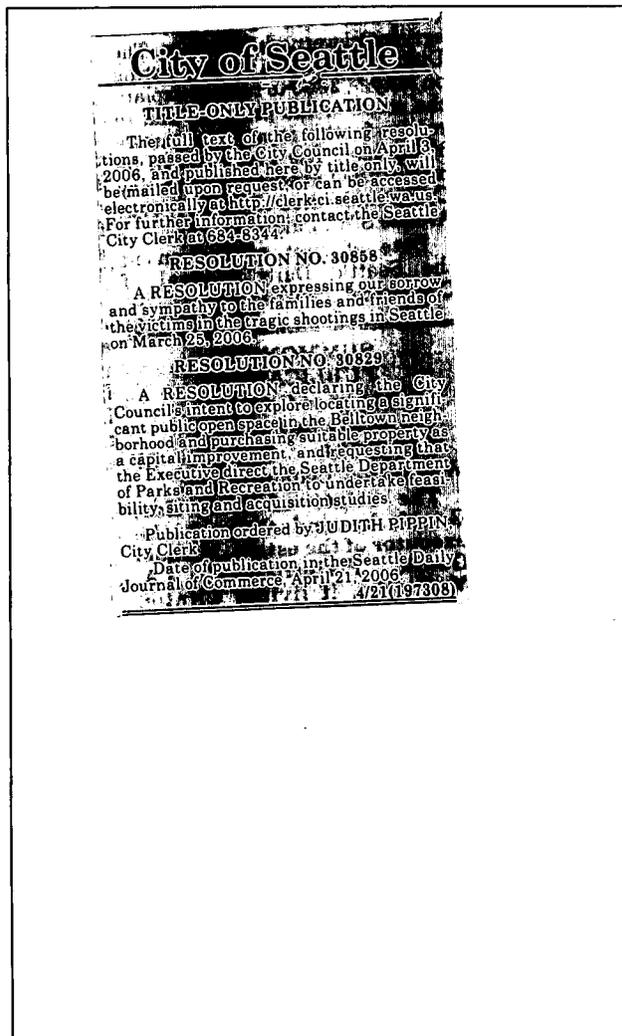
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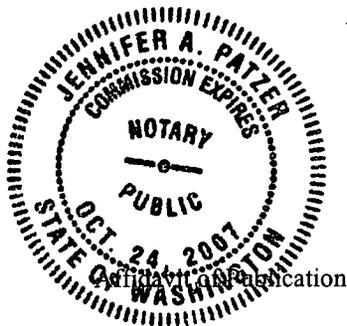
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