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A RESOLUTION establishing the Campaign  
Public Financing Advisory Committee and  
superseding Resolution 31052.

### The City of Seattle – Legislative Department

Resolution sponsored by: *Emily V. Levine*

#### Committee Action:

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4 superseding Resolution 31052.

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6 Second Substitute Senate Bill (E2SSB) 5278, allowing local jurisdictions to establish  
7 programs to publicly finance campaigns; and

8 WHEREAS, the City of Seattle established a system for partial public financing for election  
9 campaigns in 1978; and

10 WHEREAS, the Fair Campaign Practices Act enacted following the passage of Initiative 134 in  
11 1992 prohibited the use of public funds to finance state and local political campaigns; and

12 WHEREAS, recent information from the Seattle Ethics and Elections Office shows that the total  
13 number of contributors to local campaigns has declined by 37% since 2003 while the  
14 number of contributions under \$100 has declined by 56% in that same time period; and

15 WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have expressed support for examining and potentially  
16 reinstating a local public financing system for election campaigns; and

17 WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council welcome the input of a diverse group of individuals  
18 and organizations with expertise and interest in promoting fair and equitable election  
19 campaigns and removing barriers to the democratic process; NOW, THEREFORE,

20 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**  
21 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

22 Section 1. The Campaign Public Financing Advisory Committee shall consist of nine (9)  
23 members. The composition of the committee shall be comprised of the following numbered  
24 positions: (1) chair of the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission; (2) former elected official;  
25 (3) representative of the Seattle League of Women Voters; (4) representative of the Seattle-King  
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1 County Municipal League; (5) member of the Washington Public Campaigns organization; (6)  
2 person with legal expertise in elections law; (7) person with an academic background in  
3 campaigns and elections financing; (8) and (9) persons at-large from the community. A tenth  
4 member shall be named as an alternate to serve on the committee, in any of the numbered  
5 positions, in the event that any member should resign or be unable to serve. Members shall be  
6 jointly appointed by the Mayor and City Council and initially identified as shown in attachment  
7 A to this resolution. The chair of the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission shall chair the  
8 advisory committee.  
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10 Section 2. The committee shall develop a recommendation for a proposed model for  
11 publicly financing local election campaigns in Seattle. The committee, at a minimum, should  
12 examine the following as part of its review:  
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- 14 A. Rationale and purpose of publicly financing election campaigns;
- 15 B. Models from other jurisdictions;
- 16 C. The relative effectiveness of programs from other jurisdictions in meeting the stated  
17 intent and purpose for public financing;
- 18 D. Seattle's previous public campaign financing program;
- 19 E. Election campaign contribution data from previous local elections in Seattle;
- 20 F. Criteria for candidates to qualify for public election campaign funds;
- 21 G. Potential program and administrative costs and funding sources; and
- 22 H. Timeline for implementation.
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1 Section 3. Should any member in a numbered position resign or otherwise be unable to  
2 serve, the alternate shall replace that member. If there are further resignations or members that  
3 are unable to serve, or if the alternate position becomes vacant, a replacement may be appointed  
4 subject to agreement by the Mayor and City Council.

5 Section 4. The committee will be staffed by the Seattle Ethics and Elections Office.  
6 Representatives from the City Attorney's Office, the Mayor's Office, the Department of Finance  
7 and the Council's Central Staff are anticipated to assist and provide input in facilitating the work  
8 of the committee.  
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10 Section 5. The Mayor and City Council anticipate a final report from the committee will  
11 be submitted to the City no later than June 12, 2008. Once the final report is submitted, the  
12 advisory committee shall be dissolved.  
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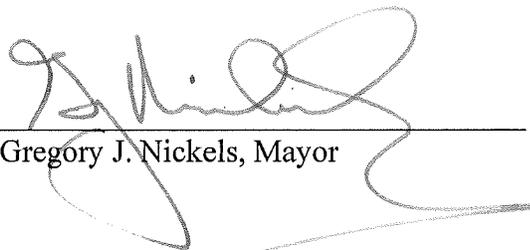
14 Section 6. Resolution 31052 is hereby superseded.

15 Adopted by the City Council the 12<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2008, and  
16 signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 12<sup>th</sup> day  
17 of MAY, 2008.  
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21 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

22 THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

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25 Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor  
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Filed by me this 20 day of May, 2008.

Judith E. Pappin  
City Clerk

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Attachment A: Seattle Campaign Public Financing Advisory Committee Members

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Attachment A: Seattle Campaign Public Financing Advisory Committee Members

- 1) Michele Radosevich, chair of the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission;
- 2) Bruce Laing, former elected official;
- 3) Allison Feher, representative of the Seattle League of Women Voters;
- 4) Ramsey Ramerman, Representative of the Seattle-King County Municipal League;
- 5) Craig Salins, Member of the Washington Public Campaigns organization;
- 6) Robert (Bob) L. Mahon, person with legal expertise in elections law;
- 7) Professor Joaquin G. Avila, person with an academic background in campaigns and elections financing;
- 8) Rob Holland, at-large member from the community;
- 9) George Cheung, at-large member from the community; and
- 10) Sherry Collier, Alternate



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<b>Department:</b>	<b>Contact Person/Phone:</b>	<b>DOF Analyst/Phone:</b>
Legislative	Mike Fong/5-1675	N/A

**Legislation Title:**

A Resolution establishing the Campaign Public Finance Advisory Committee

• **Summary of the Legislation:**

This legislation creates an ad-hoc advisory group to provide the Mayor and Council with recommendations regarding the implementation of a campaign public financing program for the City of Seattle. The advisory group's final report is due to the Council and Mayor by June 12, 2008.

- **Background:** *(Include brief description of the purpose and context of legislation and include record of previous legislation and funding history, if applicable):*

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- *Please check one of the following:*

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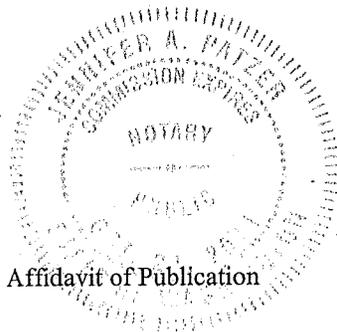
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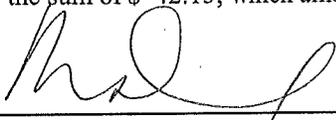
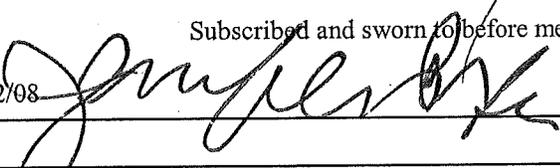
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### City of Seattle

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#### RESOLUTION NO. 31061

A RESOLUTION establishing the Campaign Public Financing Advisory Committee and superseding Resolution 31062.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 31060

A RESOLUTION adopting the Seattle Human Services Department Strategic Investment Plan Update 2008-2010 for the City of Seattle.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 31066

A RESOLUTION approving the proposed budget of the Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission for fiscal year 2008.

Publication ordered by JUDITH PIPPIN,  
City Clerk

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