



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Title: A RESOLUTION supporting Washington Initiative Measure 735, and urging Seattle voters to vote "Yes" on Initiative 735 on the November 8, 2016, general election ballot.

	<u>Date</u>
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	Mayor's Signature: 10/21/2016
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Drafter: Emilia.Sanchez@seattle.gov

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Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Clerk	10/06/2016	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office						
	Notes:						
1	Council President's Office	10/07/2016	sent for review	Full Council			
	Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Full Council						
	Notes:						
1	Full Council	10/10/2016	referred	Full Council			
1	Full Council	10/17/2016	adopted				Pass
	Action Text: The Motion carried, the Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution:						
	Notes: <u>PUBLIC COMMENT ON RESOLUTION 31715</u>						

In accordance with Revised Code of Washington 42.17A.555, and Seattle Municipal Code 2.04.300, Council President Harrell provided the public an opportunity to speak in favor of or in opposition to Resolution 31715.

Councilmember O'Brien left the Council Chamber at 3:05 p.m.

Cindy Black addressed the Council in support of Resolution 31715.

Tiffany McCoy addressed the Council in support of Resolution 31715.

Councilmember O'Brien entered the Council Chamber at 3:06 p.m.

David Ward addressed the Council in support of Resolution 31715.

Public Comment on Resolution 31715 was closed.

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31715.

In Favor: 9 Councilmember Bagshaw, Councilmember Burgess, Councilmember González , Council President Harrell, Councilmember Herbold, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Sawant

Opposed: 0

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| 1 | City Clerk | 10/19/2016 | submitted for
Mayor's signature | Mayor |
| | Action Text: | The Resolution (Res) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor | | |
| | Notes: | | | |
| 1 | Mayor | 10/21/2016 | Signed | |
| | Action Text: | The Resolution (Res) was Signed. | | |
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| 1 | Mayor | 10/28/2016 | returned | City Clerk |
| 1 | City Clerk | 10/28/2016 | attested by City
Clerk | |
| | Action Text: | The Resolution (Res) was attested by City Clerk. | | |
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CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION 31715

A RESOLUTION supporting Washington Initiative Measure 735, and urging Seattle voters to vote "Yes" on Initiative 735 on the November 8, 2016, general election ballot.

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in its *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* and *Buckley v. Valeo* decisions construed the spending of money by individuals, corporations, and special interests in elections as protected free speech under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the *Citizens United* decision has allowed unlimited donations to go through super political action committees (PACs), giving the nation's wealthiest individuals and corporations undue influence over the outcome of elections and the policies of elected officials; and

WHEREAS, OpenSecrets.org, maintained by the Center for Responsive Politics, reported that super PACs raised \$828,224,700 and spent \$609,417,654 during the 2012 presidential campaign; and

WHEREAS, *The New York Times* reported on the electoral spending plans of Charles and David Koch in January 2015, noting that the "Koch Brothers' Budget of \$889 Million for 2016 [Was] on Par With Both Parties' Spending"; and

WHEREAS, *The Washington Post* reported on April 15, 2016, that 50 "mega-donors and their relatives" donated 41 percent of all money raised until February by super PACs for the 2016 presidential election; and

WHEREAS, an August 2016 study by the Wesleyan Media Project found that "there has been a vast increase in the volume of advertising sponsored by outside groups between 2000 and

2016,” and that “outside groups aired more ads in the 2012 presidential general election than in any previous presidential election”; and

WHEREAS, *Time* reported in October 2014 that “Since the mid-1980s, the amount dumped on elections by campaigns and outside groups, as measured by the Federal Election Commission, has grown 555 percent—faster than even the alarming increases in the costs of health care and private college tuition”; and

WHEREAS, 17 states and more than 650 municipal governments, including 18 in Washington State, have passed resolutions advocating that *Citizens United* be overturned; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle City Council passed Resolution 31380 in 2012 calling on the United States Congress to:

initiate steps to amend the United States Constitution with provisions that clearly state that:

(1) Corporations are not human beings, and only human beings are endowed with Constitutional rights.

(2) Contributions and expenditures for political purposes are not Constitutionally-protected speech, and that, therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

(3) Congress and the States shall have the power to regulate contributions and expenditures for campaigns and ballot measures, and to require public disclosure of the sources of such contributions and expenditures

and

WHEREAS, Washington State Initiative 735, which will be on the November 2016 ballot, is consistent with Resolution 31380, stating:

1. The rights listed and acknowledged in The Constitution of the United States are the rights of individual human beings only.

2. The judiciary shall not construe the spending of money to be free speech under the First Amendment of The Constitution of the United States. Federal, state, and local governments shall be fully empowered to regulate political contributions and expenditures to ensure that no person or artificial legal entity gains undue influence over government and the political process.

3. All political contributions and expenditures shall be disclosed promptly and in a manner accessible to voters prior to elections.

WHEREAS, after notice in accordance with RCW 42.17A.555 and Seattle Municipal Code

Section 2.04.300, persons in favor of Initiative 735 and those opposed to it have been

given an equal opportunity to share their views in an open public meeting; NOW,

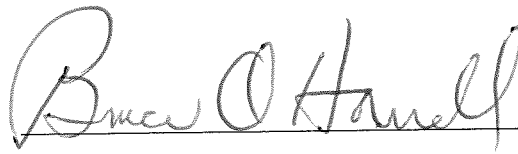
THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE

MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:

Section 1. The Seattle City Council urges Seattle voters to vote "Yes" on Initiative 735 in
the November 8, 2016, general election.

Adopted by the City Council the 17th day of October, 2016, and
signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 17th day of
October, 2016.



President _____ of the City Council

The Mayor concurred the 21st day of October, 2016.



Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this 28th day of OCTOBER, 2016.



Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

STATE OF WASHINGTON -- KING COUNTY

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No.

CITY OF SEATTLE, CLERKS OFFICE

Affidavit of Publication

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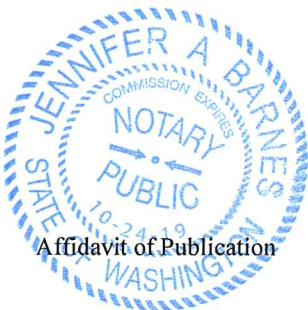
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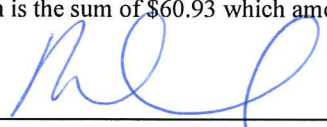
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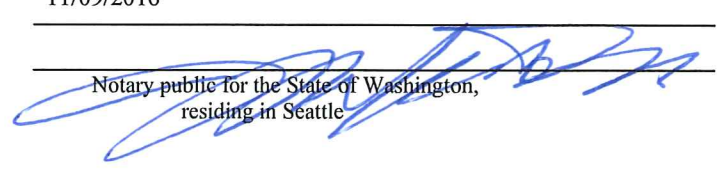
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on

11/09/2016



Notary public for the State of Washington,
residing in Seattle

State of Washington, King County

City of Seattle

The full text of the following legislation, passed by the City Council on October 17, 2016, and published below by title only, will be mailed upon request, or can be accessed at <http://seattle.legistar.com/>. For information on upcoming meetings of the Seattle City Council, please visit <http://www.seattle.gov/council/calendar>.

Resolution 31713

A RESOLUTION to enter a partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to participate in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Urban Conservation Treaty for Migratory Birds Program encouraging the exploration and incorporation of bird-friendly policies, design, and best practices for creating, enhancing, and maintaining safe habitats for migratory birds and other urban wildlife.

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Resolution 31716

A RESOLUTION requesting that the Washington State Department of Transportation preserve one support pier associated with the Roanoke/R.H. Thomson Expressway; stating the City Council's intent to fund an engineering study of the pier's structural integrity; and stating the City Council's intent that the City accept ownership of the pier.

Date of publication in the Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce, November 9, 2016.

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