



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Title: A RESOLUTION concerning Washington Referendum Measure No. 88 ("Referendum 88"), proposing voter approval of Initiative Measure No. 1000, and urging Seattle voters to vote "Approved" on Referendum 88 on the November 5, 2019, general election ballot.

Notes:

Date
Filed with City Clerk: 10/24/2019

Mayor's Signature: 10/23/2019

Sponsors: Harrell

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Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Clerk	10/11/2019	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	Action Text:	The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office					
1	City Council	10/14/2019	referred	City Council			
	Action Text:	The Resolution (Res) was referred. to the City Council					
1	City Council	10/21/2019	adopted				Pass
	Action Text:	The Motion carried, the Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution:					
	Notes:	Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31913.					

PUBLIC COMMENT ON RESOLUTION 31913

In accordance with the 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 opposition to the ballot measure.

Jesse WineBerry addressed the Council in support of Agenda item 1, Resolution 31913.

Sharon Tomiko Santos addressed the Council in support of Agenda item 1, Resolution 31913.

David Haines addressed the Council in opposition to Agenda item 1, Resolution 31913.

Hayward Evans addressed the Council in support of Agenda item 1, Resolution 31913.

Royal Alley-Barnes addressed the Council in support of Agenda item 1, Resolution 31913.

Bereket Kiros addressed the Council in support of Agenda item 1, Resolution 31913.

Tony Orange addressed the Council in support of Agenda item 1, Resolution 31913.

Kibibi Monie addressed the Council in support of Agenda item 1, Resolution 31913.

Winona Hollins addressed the Council in support of Agenda item 1, Resolution 31913.

Jody Olney addressed the Council in support of Agenda item 1, Resolution 31913.

Sean Bagsby addressed the Council in support of Agenda item 1, Resolution 31913.

Pedro Espinoza addressed the Council in support of Agenda item 1, Resolution 31913.

Kevin Washington addressed the Council in support of Agenda item 1, Resolution 31913.

Nate Miles addressed the Council in support of Agenda item 1, Resolution 31913.

Ria Johnson Covington addressed the Council in support of Agenda item 1,

Resolution 31913.

Robert Stephens, Jr. addressed the Council in support of Agenda item 1, Resolution 31913.

Public Comment on Resolution 31913 was closed.

In Favor: 8 Councilmember Bagshaw, Councilmember González , Council President Harrell, Councilmember Herbold, Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Pacheco, Councilmember Sawant

Opposed: 0

1	City Clerk	10/22/2019	submitted for	Mayor
			Mayor's signature	
	Action Text:		The Resolution (Res) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor	
1	Mayor	10/23/2019	Signed	
	Action Text:		The Resolution (Res) was Signed.	
1	Mayor	10/24/2019	returned	City Clerk
	Action Text:		The Resolution (Res) was returned. to the City Clerk	
1	City Clerk	10/24/2019	attested by City Clerk	
	Action Text:		The Resolution (Res) was attested by City Clerk.	

CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION 31913

A RESOLUTION concerning Washington Referendum Measure No. 88 ("Referendum 88"), proposing voter approval of Initiative Measure No. 1000, and urging Seattle voters to vote "Approved" on Referendum 88 on the November 5, 2019, general election ballot.

WHEREAS, Washington Initiative Measure No. 200 ("I-200") (Ban Preferential Treatment and Discrimination in Public Employment, Education, and Contracting) appeared on the ballot as an initiative to the Washington State Legislature for the November 1998 election; and

WHEREAS, I-200 was sponsored by Tim Eyman, a frequent sponsor of initiatives in Washington, and was approved by state voters; and

WHEREAS, according to State data, when I-200 was passed in 1998, 13.31 percent of expenditures by state agencies and educational institutions went toward certified minority- and woman-owned businesses. However, in fiscal year 2018, that figure declined to 3.6 percent of expenditures; and

WHEREAS, that steep decline has caused small minority- and woman-owned businesses to lose an estimated \$3.5 billion in revenue over the past 20 years, according to the Washington State Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises¹; and

WHEREAS, from 1998 to 2019, the number of certified woman- and minority-owned businesses has fallen 45 percent from 4,917 to 2,700, according to the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises; and

¹ <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/5682112-Estimated-Loss-of-Revenue-OMWBE-Certified.html>.

1 WHEREAS, in 2018, Washington’s veteran unemployment rate was nearly 25 percent higher
2 than the national average (4.3 percent unemployment in Washington, 3.45 percent
3 nationally) (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 10/7/2019); and

4 WHEREAS, Washington is one of only eight states that has restricted affirmative action²; and

5 WHEREAS, black, Latinx, and Native American students make up a lower share of enrollment
6 at the University of Washington than they do in the demographics of Washington State’s
7 population (*Inside Higher Ed*, 5/6/2019); and

8 WHEREAS, last year, nearly 400,000 voters petitioned lawmakers to support Initiative Measure
9 No. 1000 (“I-1000”), restoring fairness and opportunity to Washington’s public
10 employment, contracting, and education enrollment policies. The State Legislature passed
11 I-1000 in the 2019 legislative session; and

12 WHEREAS, I-1000 creates the Governor’s Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
13 (“Commission”), which is responsible for planning, directing, monitoring, and enforcing
14 each state agency’s compliance with the initiative, and required to publish an annual
15 report on the progress of all state agencies in achieving diversity, equity, and inclusion in
16 public education, public employment, and public contracting; and

17 WHEREAS, I-1000 does not allow an individual’s race; color; sex; ethnicity; national origin;
18 age; sexual orientation; presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability; or
19 honorably discharged veteran or military status to be used as the sole qualifying factor to
20 select a less qualified candidate over a more qualified candidate for a public education,
21 public employment, or public contracting opportunity; and

² <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2014/04/22/supreme-court-says-states-can-ban-affirmative-action-8-already-have/>

1 WHEREAS, I-1000 restores rights consistent with 42 other U.S. states, ensuring fairness and
2 opportunity for all people and small businesses. It allows outreach and recruitment to
3 veterans, women, minorities, and others too often left behind in government hiring,
4 contracting, and education. Under I-1000, quotas and preferential treatment are
5 prohibited, and no one who is unqualified will be selected due to preferential treatment;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, I-1000 expands laws allowing consideration for Vietnam-era and disabled veterans
8 in government contracting and employment to include all honorably discharged veterans
9 and military personnel, honoring the sacrifice of those delaying entry into the
10 workforce—or returning from service injured or with disabilities; and

11 WHEREAS, I-1000 unifies Washington State residents and creates opportunities for all,
12 prohibiting government discrimination because of age, gender, disability, race, or veteran
13 status without using quotas or preferences, and guaranteeing fairness and accountability.
14 For these reasons, nearly 400,000 Washington voters are standing against fear and
15 division, taking action to help veterans, women, seniors, small businesses, and the
16 disabled; and

17 WHEREAS, I-1000 ensures fairness and opportunities for small businesses competing for public
18 contracts—helping local businesses grow local jobs. Large employers need a diverse,
19 skilled workforce—which is why Microsoft, Alaska Airlines, Vulcan, Amazon, and many
20 other businesses all support I-1000, joining labor organizations and civil rights groups
21 like the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and Urban League; and

22 WHEREAS, Washington Referendum Measure No. 88 (“Referendum 88”) would place I-1000
23 onto the ballot for approval or rejection by the voters; and

1 WHEREAS, Referendum 88 would permit the state to adopt policies that allow consideration of
2 an individual's race; sex; ethnicity; national origin; age; presence of sensory, mental, or
3 physical disability; and honorably discharged veteran or military status as factors in the
4 selection of qualified applicants for opportunities in public education, public
5 employment, and public contracting; and

6 WHEREAS, after notice in accordance with RCW 42.17A.555 and Seattle Municipal Code
7 Section 2.04.300, persons in favor of Referendum 88 and those opposed to it have been
8 given an equal opportunity to share their views in an open public meeting;

9 NOW, THEREFORE,

10 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**
11 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

12 Section 1. The Mayor and the City Council support fairness and opportunity for everyone
13 throughout Seattle and Washington State. In order to build vibrant, equitable communities and
14 help restore fairness in public hiring, contracting, and education for the residents of our city and
15 state, we urge all Washingtonians to approve Initiative Measure No. 1000 ("I-1000") for fairness
16 and equal opportunity.

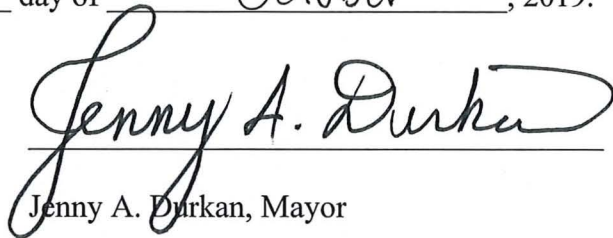
17 Section 2. In the November 2019 general election, the Mayor and Seattle City Council
18 urge Seattle voters to vote "Approved" on Washington Referendum Measure No. 88, which
19 challenges the adoption of I-1000.

Adopted by the City Council the 21st day of October, 2019,
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 21st day of
October, 2019.



President _____ of the City Council

The Mayor concurred the 23rd day of October, 2019.


Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Filed by me this 24th day of October, 2019.



Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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