CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION 31601

A RESOLUTION regarding a voter-proposed Initiative Measure concerning public participation in government, including creation of a publicly-financed election campaign program and regulation of campaign donations and lobbying; authorizing the City Clerk and the Executive Director of the Ethics and Elections Commission to take those actions necessary to enable the proposed Initiative to appear on the November 3, 2015 election ballot and the local voters' pamphlet; requesting the King County Elections' Director to place the proposed initiative on the November 3, 2015 election ballot; providing for the publication of such initiative; and repealing Resolution 31600.

WHEREAS, proponents of reducing the influence of money in government; ensuring accountability; preventing corruption; and creating a program for public financing of elections have submitted to the Office of the City Clerk a petition bearing a sufficient number of signatures to qualify the proposed Initiative filed in Clerk File 319323 ("City of Seattle Initiative Measure No. 122") for placement on the November 3, 2015 election ballot; and

WHEREAS, Article IV of the City Charter specifies that it shall be the duty of the City Council to submit an initiative bearing a sufficient number of signatures to the voters of the City for their ratification or rejection; and

WHEREAS, RCW 42.17A.550 states that a local government must submit any proposal for public financing of local political campaigns to voters for their adoption and approval or rejection; and

WHEREAS, the City Council on July 13, 2015 adopted Resolution 31600 to place Initiative Measure No. 122 on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 31600 contained some non-substantive errors, including incorrectly referring to the initiative, in the title of the resolution, as a Charter amendment; and
WHEREAS, that reference might confuse the public when the resolution is included in the local voters pamphlet; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:

Section 1. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to take those actions necessary to place City of Seattle Initiative Measure No. 122 filed in Clerk File 319323, a copy of which is attached as attachment A, on the November 3, 2015 election ballot, including but not limited to publishing the proposed initiative measure as provided by the City Charter.

Section 2. The Executive Director of the Ethics and Elections Commission is authorized and requested to take those actions necessary to place information regarding City of Seattle Initiative Measure No. 122 in the November 3, 2015 voters' pamphlet.
Section 3. The Director of Elections of King County, Washington, as ex officio 
supervisor of elections, is requested to place City of Seattle Initiative Measure No. 122 on the 
November 3, 2015 election ballot, with the following ballot title approved by the Seattle City 
Attorney:

THE CITY OF SEATTLE 
INITIATIVE MEASURE NUMBER 122

The City of Seattle Initiative Measure Number 122 concerns public
participation in government, including publicly-financed election campaigns, and
lobbying.

If enacted, the measure would limit election campaign contributions from
entities receiving City contracts totaling $250,000 or more, or from persons spending
$5,000 or more for lobbying; require 24-hour reporting of electronic contributions;
require paid signature gatherer identification; limit lobbying by former City officials;
create a voluntary program for public campaign financing through $100 vouchers
issued to registered voters funded by ten years of additional property taxes, with
$3,000,000 (approximately $0.0194/$1000 assessed value) collected in 2016.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes □

No □

Those in favor shall vote “Yes;” those opposed shall mark their ballots “No.”
Section 4. Resolution 31600 is repealed.

Adopted by the City Council the 20th day of July, 2015, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 20th day of July, 2015.

President ________ of the City Council

Filed by me this 21st day of July, 2015.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

Attachment A: Initiative Measure No. 122
Please return signed petitions to:

Honest Elections Seattle Initiative No. 122

PO Box 20664, Seattle, WA 98102 -- tel.: (206) 436-0292

e-mail: info@honestelectionsseattle.org -- website: honestelectionsseattle.org

INITIATIVE PETITION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL. To the City Council of The City of Seattle: We, the undersigned registered voters of The City of Seattle, State of Washington, propose and ask for the enactment as an ordinance of the measures known as Initiative Measure No. 122, entitled:

THE CITY OF SEATTLE INITIATIVE MEASURE NUMBER 122

The City of Seattle Initiative Measure Number 122 concerns public participation in government, including publicly-financed election campaign, and lobbying. If enacted, the measure would limit election campaign contributions from entities receiving City contracts totaling $250,000 or more, or from persons ignoring $5,000 or more for lobbying, require 24 hour reporting of electronic contributions, require paid signature gatherer identification, limit lobbying by former City officials, create a sunshine program for public campaign financing through $100 vouchers issued to registered voters funded by ten years of additional property taxes, with $2,000,000 (approximately $601,000 at a 2010 assessment value) collected in 2016.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes  

No  

Those in favor shall vote, "Yes," those opposed shall mark their ballots "No."

WARNING: Ordinance 122269 provides as follows: "Section 3.1. It is unlawful for any person, 1. To sign or cause to be signed any petition for a City initiative, referendum, or Charter amendment, or exchange for any consideration or quid pro quo any signature obtained by any person to sign or cause to sign a petition for a City initiative, referendum, or Charter amendment, or to allow any person to so engage in such conduct." Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than $300 nor more than $3,000. The violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than $300 nor more than $3,000.

(*Only Registered Seattle Voters Can Sign This Petition*)

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AN ACT relating to reducing the influence of money, ensuring accountability, and preventing corruption in City of Seattle government.

BEEN ENACTED by the PEOPLE of the CITY OF SEATTLE:

Section 3. A new Subchapter titled "Identity Theft Act" is added to the South: Municipal Code, Chapter 22.04 - ELECTION CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS, as follows:

NEW SECTION 12.04.010 - Prohibition and penalty. (a) Any such person who shall knowingly or carelessly receive any such contribution or any person who shall knowingly or carelessly accept any such contribution directly from any entity or person who is in the pay of any such person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(1) A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not more than $200,000.

(2) A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not more than $50,000.

(3) A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not more than $10,000.

(4) A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not more than $5,000.

NEW SECTION 12.04.020 - Definitions. (a) "Campaign contribution," as used in this chapter, means any contribution received by a candidate or a political campaign committee during any election cycle in excess of $50.

(1) "Campaign contribution," as used in this chapter, means any contribution received by a candidate or a political campaign committee during any election cycle in excess of $10.

(2) "Campaign contribution," as used in this chapter, means any contribution received by a candidate or a political campaign committee during any election cycle in excess of $5.

(3) "Campaign contribution," as used in this chapter, means any contribution received by a candidate or a political campaign committee during any election cycle in excess of $1.

NEW SECTION 12.04.030 - Substantiating evidence. (a) All records of contributions received by a candidate or a political campaign committee shall be maintained for a period of at least three years from the date of the contribution.

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NEW SECTION 12.04.040 - Enforcement. (a) The Attorney General of the State shall have the power to enforce the provisions of this chapter. The Attorney General may bring an action in any court of competent jurisdiction to enjoin any violation of this section.

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$1,000,000 of assessed value. Proceeds from the sale of such properties shall be used to fund the Schools' Education Vouchers Program as provided in Section 1 of this measure, and any unencumbered balance thereof shall be used to reduce the Schools' General Fund balance.

Section 3. SMC 2.06.110 - Civil Remedies and Remedies. It is amended as follows:

Upon determination pursuant to SMC 2.06.110 that a violation of this chapter has occurred, the Commission may issue an order requiring the party to take particular actions in order to comply with the law, and in addition, or alternatively, may impose a civil penalty of up to Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000) per violation. Any person who fails to file properly completed and timely second or third annual reports required by this chapter, or who fails to provide the information required by this chapter, may be subject to an administrative fine of up to Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000) per violation, as determined by the Commission, for each violation.

Section 4. SMC 2.06.115 - Reports of personal financial affairs. It is amended as follows:

A. The following shall be a statement of personal financial affairs:

1. Every calendar year, within two weeks of filing a disclosure with the City Clerk, a statement of financial affairs for the preceding twelve months.

2. Either a sworn or unsworn statement of personal financial affairs shall be due after January 1st and before April 15th of each calendar year for the calendar year ending December 31st that year. The statement must be filed within two weeks of being appointed to the City Clerk's office and for the preceding twelve months.

3. The statement of personal financial affairs shall be as follows:

   a. The nature of the statements shall contain the following:
      i. The nature of the statements shall make the disclosure to the individual and each member of his or her immediate family:
         A. Occupations, source of income, and business address.
         B. Each bank or savings account or insurance policy in which any person or persons owned a direct financial interest in the value of $500.00 or more at any time during the reporting period, or any other items of value, the source of income, and business address.
      ii. The name and address of each creditor to whom the value of $500.00 or more was owed; the amount of each debt owed to each creditor.
      iii. The net income or the credit status of each entity doing business in the name of each person or persons named in a direct financial interest, the value of which exceeded $500.00 during the reporting period, and the name, address, and business address of each business or other business entity from which compensation has been received in any form or at a value of $500.00 or more; the value of the compensation, and the compensation given in exchange for the compensation; and the name of any corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, or other business entity from which compensation has been received in any form or at a value of $500.00 or more; the value of the compensation, and the compensation given in exchange for the compensation; and the name of any corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, or other business entity from which compensation has been received in any form or at a value of $500.00 or more; the value of the compensation, and the compensation given in exchange for the compensation.

   b. A list, including legal or other sufficient description as prescribed by the Commission, of all real property in the State of Washington, the assessed valuation of which exceeds $25,000, in which any person or persons owned a direct financial interest in the value of $500.00 or more at any time during the reporting period, or any other item of value, the source of income, and business address.

   c. A list, including legal or other sufficient description as prescribed by the Commission, of all real property in the State of Washington, the assessed valuation of which exceeds $25,000, in which any person or persons owned a direct financial interest in the value of $500.00 or more at any time during the reporting period, or any other item of value, the source of income, and business address.

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Section 5. SMC 2.06.170 - Mandate: Limitations on contributions. It is amended as follows:

A. No person shall make a contribution to any candidate or any political committee in the City of Seattle, or to any city, county or federal political committee in the State of Washington, or to any political committee in another state, or to any federal political committee, or to any candidate for a federal political office, or to any political committee for the purpose of influencing any election or any political or governmental act or policy.

State of Washington,  
County of King

I, Monica Martinez Simmons, certify that this is a true and correct copy of Seattle Resolution 3160, on file in the records of the City of Seattle, Office of the City Clerk.

Signed by:  
Signature:  
Title:  City Clerk  
Date: 7/21/15

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