



DATE: July 25, 2022

TO: Mayor Robinson, Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis and City Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: Appointment of Pro/Con Committee members

At tonight's meeting, under agenda item 12a, Council will consider an Ordinance to add a proposition to the November 8, 2022 general election to authorize the city to lift the levy limit to pay and/or finance costs for parks, open space and related purposes. If the Ordinance is adopted, Council will then be asked to appoint members to pro and con committees to prepare statements in favor of and in opposition to the ballot measure.

### **Background**

The Council has the responsibility for appointing pro and con committees to prepare statements in favor of and in opposition to the ballot measure. Pro and con committees consist of members of the public who commit to write a statement either in favor of or in opposition to a ballot measure. Each committee is limited to three members, but the committee can have an unlimited number of persons assist them to prepare the statements. These statements will appear in the voter pamphlet alongside the ballot title and explanatory statement prepared by the City Attorney.

To assist with the identification of candidates for the committees, a recruitment opened on July 11 and closed on July 21 at 5:00 pm. As of the printing of this packet, seven individuals applied to be considered for the pro committee; one individual applied to be considered for the con committee; and one individual applied to be considered for both the pro and the con committee. Names of applicants along with application materials were emailed to Council on Friday, July 22.

RCW 29A.32.280 states the Council "shall appoint persons known to favor the measure to serve on the committee advocating approval and shall, whenever possible, appoint persons known to oppose the measure to serve on the committee advocating rejection."

### **Action Required**

Tonight, Council will be asked to appoint up to three members for each committee. Names of committee members are due to King County Elections by August 2. Upon appointment of the

committee members, staff will forward the names to King County elections and will communicate the necessary information to the committee members in order to meet the necessary deadlines for statement submissions.

**Proposed Motion Language:**

1. *I move to appoint \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_  
to the **pro** committee.*
  
2. *I move to appoint \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_  
to the **con** committee.*