

City of Tacoma



Special Election - Proposition No. 1 Submitted by the City of Tacoma

Ballot Title: City Council adopted Resolution 36236 to amend the Charter. City Charter Section 2.5 states that City Council members may be removed from office by recall but does not extend the right of recall to other elected City officers. This proposition would amend Section 2.5 to allow for the recall of any elected officer of the City, including elected members of City boards and commissions. Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement: The current provision for the recall of elected officials covers members of the City Council only, without mention of other elected officials. If approved, any elected official could be removed from office by recall as provided by law. This would include members of the City Council and elected Civil Service Board members, in addition to any future elected positions that the City may establish.

Statement For:

Tacomans have placed accountability of our public officials on the top of our list of political concerns. Proposition 1 addresses some of these concerns by fixing an oversight in the Charter. Currently, the Charter provides for the recall of only the Members of the City Council. Approving Proposition 1 will make clear that the citizens of Tacoma have the right to recall not only Council Members, including the Mayor, but also the elected Members of the Tacoma Civil Service Board and the holders of any other elective City offices to be created in the future.

Recall is our citizens' most powerful tool for holding those we elect accountable for their actions.

Committee Members Include: Rick Cvitanich, Steve Galbraith, and Laurie Jenkins

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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