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SUBJECT: Informational Briefing on Democracy Voucher Program
DATE: December 3, 2024

PRESENTATION TYPE:
Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:
Staff from the City of Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission will present an informational briefing on Seattle's Democracy Voucher Program.

BACKGROUND:
In November of 2015, Seattle voters approved an initiative for the creation of a public campaign finance program known as the Democracy Voucher Program. The program is funded by a 10-year property tax levy of \$3 million per year. The goals of the program are to increase civic engagement through providing a funding source for more candidates to run for local offices and to increase the number of community members who donate to local elections.

ISSUES:
This is an informational briefing.

ALTERNATIVES:
This is an informational briefing.

FISCAL IMPACT:
This is an informational briefing.

RECOMMENDATION:
This is an informational briefing.