



TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
FROM: Doris Sorum, City Clerk, City Attorney's Office
Bill Fosbre, City Attorney's Office
COPY: Government Performance and Finance Committee Members; Andy Cherullo
SUBJECT: Consideration and recommendation of additional volunteers to serve on the "Against"
Committee for Proposition No. 1 concerning Tacoma Creates – July 19, 2018
DATE: July 18, 2018

SUMMARY:

The Government Performance and Finance Committee will review and recommend additional volunteers to serve on the "Against" Committee that will prepare statements "Against" Proposition No. 1, concerning Tacoma Creates to support arts, culture, science, and heritage programs, which will appear in the Voters' Pamphlet for the November 6, 2018, General Election. Below is a list of the applicants:

Applicants	Committee
Casey Cowles	"Against"
Karen Rich	"Against"

BACKGROUND:

The Government Performance and Finance Committee will consider letters of interest at a special meeting on Thursday, July 19, 2018, and may provide recommendations. The names of the individuals recommended for appointment will be considered by Resolution at the City Council meeting of July 24, 2018.

Per RCW 29A.32.280, for each measure from a unit of local government that is included in a local Voters' Pamphlet, the legislative authority of that jurisdiction shall, not later than forty-five days before the publication of the pamphlet, formally appoint a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' approval of the measure and shall formally appoint a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' rejection of the measure.

ISSUE:

Individuals need to be appointed to serve on the "Against" Committee and submitted to the Pierce County Auditor by Tuesday, August 7, 2018.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests that the Government Performance and Finance Committee recommend additional individuals to serve on the "Against" Committee to prepare statements "against" Proposition No. 1.

ATTACHMENTS:

Letters of interest for the "Against" Committees.



“Against” Committee letters of interest

Dear Councilwoman Hunter,

Thank you for the below email and for bringing the current makeup of the For and Against teams to the CDA’s attention. I apologize for not being more proactive when Ms. Hart called me about being part of the Against team. I always say if you aren’t willing to be involved you shouldn’t be willing to complain and in this instance I failed to take my own advice.

Per you below email I would like to express my interest in being part of the Against team as I want to ensure the Against statement clearly articulates the reason this would be bad for COT and the businesses struggling to compete here.

Thank you for your time and all you have been doing to help small businesses in Tacoma. You’re winning fans left and right and I know COT is better having you than not.

Warmest Regards,

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Council Member Hunter, DM Ibsen, Ms Boyston, & Ms Foster,
As a representative of the South Tacoma Business District, our district businesses have concerns about how this initiative would affect our auto-related businesses. Tacoma is already at a 10.1% sales tax rate which is the same as Seattle and the highest in the state as of this date. I am willing to work with Casey Cowles on drafting an “Against Statement” for the voters pamphlet.

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