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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Kathi Anderson, City Clerk
Michael Olson, Director of Finance and Administration

Date: June 27, 2018

Subject: Potential Ballot Measure Pro/Con Committee Authorization to Advertise

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council authorize staff to initiate the public process to call for community volunteers to prepare statements in favor of and in opposition to a potential public safety ballot measure which the City Council may place before voters at the November 6, 2018 general election.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

The City Council received a report from the City Manager at the June 5, 2018 regular meeting reviewing options for a potential public safety ballot measure for the November 2018 general election. While the Council has not yet decided whether to proceed with a measure, and would still need to decide what elements would be included in any measure, there are some process timelines that have to be met in order to place a measure on the ballot. The process timeline was included in the June 5 presentation.

That timeline included the proposed authorization for recruitment of pro and con statement volunteers at the July 3rd meeting and appointment at the July 17th meeting, in order to allow sufficient time for such volunteers to express their interest and, subsequently, to meet and prepare their arguments for submittal to King County Elections before the voters' pamphlet statement deadline of August 14, 2018. The reason staff is proposing to initiate recruitment before the Council makes a final decision is that it can be difficult to reach and recruit potential volunteers during the summer holidays, and for the committees to have sufficient time to meet the required deadlines.

For these reasons, if the Council decides to conduct a public hearing and to proceed with a ballot measure (of undetermined scope at this time) at the July 17, 2018 regular meeting, it would be optimal if Council has already received statements of interest to enable them to concurrently appoint members to the statement committees at that meeting.

Authorization to proceed with recruitment can be made by a motion and passed by a voice vote.