



Outside Group Circulates Petition to Alter Employment Standards

(May 13, 2013) **REVISED May 15, 2013 to include sponsor's website link, SeaTac-** The SeaTac City Council received a proposed petition from an independent group known as the SeaTac Committee for Good Jobs, in order to collect signatures for an initiative entitled "Setting Minimum Employment Standards for Hospitality and Transportation Workers." Committee representatives are in the process of seeking the required 1,541 signatures, which is 15% of the registered voters from the November, 2011 City elections. While the City will follow through on the initiative process as required by State Law and City Code, the Initiative was filed by the independent group. Click on the following link to view the proposed Ordinance submitted to the City: <http://www.ci.seatac.wa.us/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=7321>

It has come to the attention of the City of SeaTac that members of the public may attend upcoming Council Meetings to comment on the proposed initiative. While the City understands that members of the public may have strong opinions on either side of this issue, it is imperative that City facilities not be used to either promote or oppose any current or proposed ballot measure. Additionally, since this measure is **NOT** being proposed by the City but by an outside group, any questions regarding the specifics of the Initiative should be directed to the Initiative sponsor at <http://future4seatac.org/>

In accordance with guidelines from the State Public Disclosure Commission and State Law, the City wants to advise that members of the public and Council shall not give comments regarding a political candidate or a ballot proposition pursuant to RCW 42.17A.555. In the event anyone begins making comments in violation of this statute, any member of the Council, City Clerk or the City Attorney may interrupt with a point of order in order to ensure compliance with State Law.

Should the sponsors of this Initiative gather enough signatures, the City Council will have to take action either adopting the proposed Initiative as written or submit the measure to the SeaTac voters for approval. Should the City Council be required to make this determination, members of the public will be able to comment prior to Council action. However, any comments at a Council meeting prior to this time would be premature. Should a member of the public wish to contact the City Council directly, they may access contact information at www.CityofSeaTac.com

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Incorporated in February 1990, the City of SeaTac is located approximately midway between the cities of Seattle and Tacoma. The City of SeaTac is 10 square miles in area and has a population of 25,230. The City of SeaTac is a vibrant community, economically strong, environmentally sensitive, and people-oriented. The City boundaries surround the [Seattle-Tacoma International Airport](#), (approximately 3 square miles in area) which is owned and operated by the [Port of Seattle](#). For more information contact Jeff Robinson, economic development manager, at (206) 973-4812.

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