

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-22

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE
COMMITTEES FOR AND AGAINST THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT TO
REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED TO AMEND THE CHARTER BY
THE PETITION METHOD**

WHEREAS, City Council passed Resolution 2021-015 on July 12, 2021, proposing an amendment to Article XIII, section 2 of the City's Charter; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Charter amendment would reduce the number of signatures required to propose a Charter amendment by the petition method; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Charter amendment would allow the registered electors of the City to propose specific amendments to the Charter, on petition of a number of qualified voters equal to not less than 15% of the total number of votes cast for the office of Mayor at the last preceding municipal general election rather than 15% of the total number of votes cast for governor during the last preceding statewide general election; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Charter amendment would substantially reduce the number of signatures required to propose a Charter amendment by the petition method; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Auditor will publish a local voters' pamphlet to inform the voters about candidates and ballot measures appearing on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, prior to submitting a resolution placing a measure on the ballot, the City must formally appoint a committee "For" and "Against" the ballot measure. The committee "For" will prepare a statement advocating voters' approval of the measure; the committee "Against" will prepare a statement advocating voters' rejection of the measure; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM:

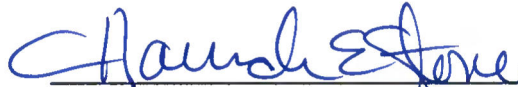
The City Council designates the following community members to serve on the committee "For" the proposed Charter amendment to Article XIII, section 2 of the City's Charter to prepare a statement advocating that voters approve the measure:

Michael Lilliquist,
Andrew Redding, and
Cindy Madigan.

The City Council designates the following community members to serve on the committee "Against" the proposed Charter amendment to Article XIII, section 2 of the City's Charter to prepare a statement advocating that voters reject the measure:

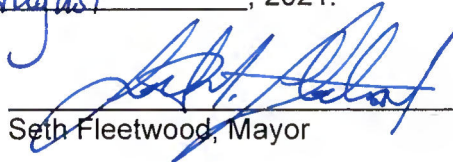
No persons applied.

PASSED by the Council this 2nd day of August, 2021.



Hannah Stone, Council President

APPROVED by me this 2 day of August, 2021.



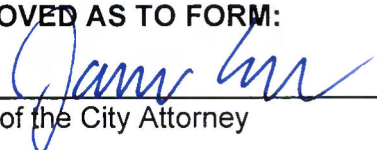
Seth Fleetwood, Mayor

ATTEST:



Andy Asbjornsen, Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Office of the City Attorney