RESOLUTION NO. 2021-23

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 PROPOSE AN INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, City Council passed Resolution 2021-016 on July 12, 2021, proposing an amendment to Article X, section 2 of the City's Charter; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Charter amendment would reduce the number of signatures required to propose an initiative from 20% of the total number of votes cast for mayor in the last preceding general municipal election to 10% of the total number of votes cast for mayor in the last preceding general municipal election; 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 X, 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 X, section 2 of the City's Charter to prepare a statement advocating that voters reject the measure:

No persons applied.

Resolution Appointing Committees For and Against Proposed Charter Amendment (1)

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PASSED by the Council this <u>2nd</u> day of <u>August</u>, 2021. Hannah Stone, Council President APPROVED by me this _____ ____day of _____ 2021. Seth Fleetwood, Mayor ATTEST: Andy Asbjornsen, Finance Director APPROVED AS TO FORM: Office of the City Attorney Resolution Appointing Committees For and Against City of Bellingham Proposed Charter Amendment (2) City Attorney 210 Lottie Street Bellingham, Washington 98225

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