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King County Initiative 24 adds to signature totals

Dick Spady says new totals “all but guarantee” I-24 will qualify for ballot

Seattle – Proponents of King County Initiative 24, the “Citizen Councilor Network” initiative, have added over 18,000 signatures to their petition efforts to bring the total of signatures submitted to the Clerk of the King County Council to 81,845. Dick Spady, I-24 campaign chairman and co-founder of *Dick’s Drive-In Restaurants*, said, “this week’s totals were our best effort yet, and all but guarantee that I-24 qualifies as the county’s first initiative for 2007.”

The law requires a total of 54,742 valid signatures be submitted for a King County initiative to qualify for the November ballot or as an initiative to the King County Council. Based on the validity rates of previous initiative drives, I-24 is now certain to qualify for the November 6, 2007 ballot.

With the option for the King County Council to pass the measure directly into law with a majority vote, proponents for the I-24 campaign are now shifting their focus to meeting with council members to seek their support.

"We believe the King County Council supports our goal of making it easier to participate in the council's public hearing process," said Spady, "so we are optimistic as the campaign effort moves forward." Spady added that, “a transparent and more user-friendly county government, benefits everyone. This is an opportunity for our council members to make it easier and more convenient for ordinary citizens to get involved in county government – without raising taxes.”

The official ballot title for King County I-24 is: “Shall a Citizen Councilor Network be established in King County for citizens to meet, discuss public issues, and provide opinions.”

Spady noted that the Citizen Councilor Network is a process staffed by volunteers and funded with donations, not taxes. "The goal of I-24 is to make participating in the public hearing process as easy as having friends and neighbors over for coffee," Spady said.

King County I-24 is the result of 40 years of social research into networked, small-group communication systems, Spady added.

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