

STOP LONGVIEW FROM SUING CITIZENS FOR DOING INITIATIVES

Longview's Mayor and City Council refused to listen to you with Longview Initiative #1, so we ask you to sign Longview Initiative #2 to show them that you refuse to give up! Sign this petition, get others to sign this petition, and mail it back ASAP!



- Shows city officials that their decision to sue the voters backfired
- Prohibits Longview politicians from using city revenue to sue citizens for doing initiatives
- Gives the people the chance to tell city officials not to use the people's money to fight the people

Proposed Ballot Title: Longview Initiative No. 2 concerns protecting citizens involvement in the initiative process. This measure would prohibit the city of Longview from suing citizens for participating in the initiative process or using any revenues to pay legal expenses related to challenging any initiative. Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes [] No []

Proposed Ballot Summary: This measure would prohibit the city of Longview from suing citizens for participating in the initiative process or using any revenues to pay legal expenses related to challenging any initiative. The citizens are guaranteed the right to vote on any initiative on any topic if sufficient signatures are submitted and the measure is certified for the ballot by the County Auditor.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW:

Section 1. New Chapter 1.36. A new chapter 1.36 is hereby added to the Longview Municipal Code to read as follows:
 1.36.100 INTENT: Nearly half of active voters in Longview's community signed petitions for Longview Initiative No. 1 requiring a public vote on automatic ticketing cameras in the city. It was certified later by the County Auditor, becoming the first initiative in city history to qualify for a public vote. Rather than listen to the voters' clear mandate to let the voters decide, the Mayor and City Council refused to follow state law (RCW 35.17.260) which required them to either adopt the initiative's policies or put the measure to a public vote. Instead, they retaliated against their own citizens by suing them in Court. They could have done what Mukilteo's officials did. In 2010, a unanimous vote from Mukilteo's City Council allowed this same initiative to be put to a public vote. Despite lawsuits by the red-light camera company, the lower court and high court backed up Mukilteo's decision and the voters voted. Mukilteo voters rejected the cameras with a 71% vote. In the city of Bellingham in July of 2011, a unanimous vote of the city council allowed the citizens to vote on this same initiative too. Longview's citizens were entitled to the same treatment but were instead disrespected and disregarded by the Mayor and City Council.

1.36.110 The city may not sue citizens for participating in the initiative process or use any revenues to pay legal expenses related to challenging any initiative. Citizens are guaranteed the right to collect and submit signatures for any initiative on any topic and the city must process the initiative petitions without delay. Under no circumstances will the voters be denied the opportunity to vote on any initiative on any topic if the initiative receives sufficient signatures and is certified for the ballot by the County Auditor. The city must facilitate, and not frustrate, the processing of any initiative on any topic. The city may not initiate, participate in, or pay for any legal challenge to any initiative or obstruct citizen participation in the initiative process in any way.

Section 2. Construction: The provisions of this measure are to be liberally construed to effectuate the intent, policies, and purposes of this measure.

Section 3. Severability: If any provision of this measure or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the measure or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

WARNING

Every person who signs this petition with any other than his or her true name, or who knowingly signs more than one of these petitions, or signs a petition seeking an election when he or she is not a legal voter, or signs a petition when he or she is otherwise not qualified to sign, or who makes herein any false statement, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Concise statement of the action or relief sought: We, the undersigned voters of Longview, require that, unless passed by the City Council, this ordinance -- Longview Initiative No. 2 -- be submitted to a vote of the registered voters of the city of Longview, subject to the requirements of Longview Municipal Code Chapter 1.35 and RCW 35A.11.080.

Print Name (Longview voters ONLY)	Signature	Address	City	Date
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Return signed petitions to: Josh Sutinen, PO Box 1253, Longview, WA 98632, Phone: 360-270-0599 - joshsutinen@gmail.com - www.BanCams.com/Longview2
 Our goal is to collect signatures fast enough to qualify for the November ballot.

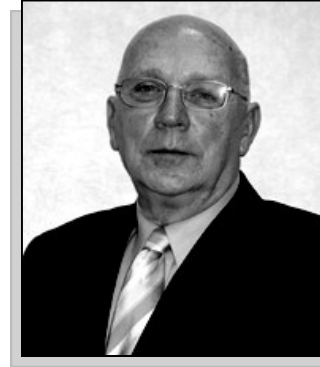
CITY OFFICIALS WILL VOTE ON WHETHER OR NOT TO SUE LONGVIEW'S CITIZENS FOR DOING AN INITIATIVE



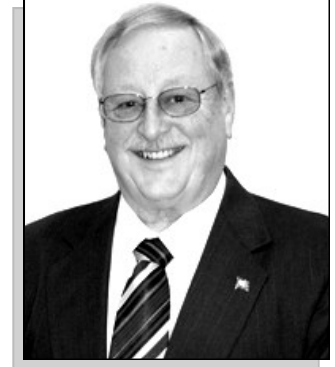
Kurt Anagnostou
Longview Mayor



Chuck Wallace
Longview Council Member



Ken Botero
Longview Council Member



Don Jensen
Longview Council Member



Mary Jane Melink
Longview Council Member



Chet Makinster
Longview Council Member



Dennis Weber
Longview Council Member

CITIZENS WANT OFFICIALS TO LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE, NOT SUE THEM!