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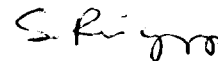
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August 8, 2017

Ms. Shoona Riggs
Clallam County Auditor
223 East Fourth Street, Suite 1
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Re: **General Election – Ballot Title / Explanatory Statement for the City of Port Angeles’ Proposition re Change in City’s Form of Government.**

Ms. Riggs,

In response to your legal action request (dated 8/4/2017), please note the Attorney for the City of Port Angeles, Mr. Bill Bloor, has the statutory responsibility to prepare any ballot title or explanatory statement regarding a “Change in City’s Form of Government.” See RCW 29A.36.071; RCW 29A.32.241(d).

In connection with the contemplated proposition, please use the following ballot title that was submitted by the City of Port Angeles for the upcoming 2017 General Election:

CITY OF PORT ANGELES
PROPOSITION NO. 1

CHANGE IN CITY’S FORM OF GOVERNMENT

After receiving a citizen petition from Our Water-Our Choice, the City Council for the City of Port Angeles adopted Resolution No. 11-17, concerning a change in the form of the City’s government. If approved, the City of Port Angeles, a non-charter code city, will change from the current council-manager form of government under RCW 35A to the council-manager form of government under RCW 35 in a second class city in order to elect a full new city council. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

The ballot title above appears to meet the legal requirements of RCW 29A.36.071, 29A.72.050.

Additionally, and in connection with the aforementioned ballot title, please use the following explanatory statement that was submitted by the City of Port Angeles for the upcoming 2017 General Election:

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

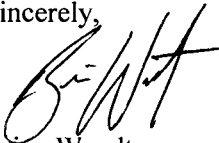
A citizens' group, Our Water-Our Choice, wrote and circulated a petition to hold "an election so the voters of the City of Port Angeles can decide whether to change from the current council-manager form of government under RCW 35A to the council-manager form of government under RCW 35 in a second class city in order to elect a full new City Council." The Clallam County Auditor issued a Certificate of Sufficiency certifying that the "petition substantially complies with the requirements of RCW 35A.01.040 and RCW 35A.06.040." The Proposition No. 1 is presented to the City of Port Angeles voters at the 2017 municipal general election.

This Statement was prepared by William Bloor, City Attorney for Port Angeles; 321 E. 5th Street, Second Floor, Port Angeles, WA 98362; (360) 417-4536.

The explanatory statement above appears to comply with the requirements contained in the Clallam County Auditor's Administrative Rules for Voter Pamphlets § 6.6.3.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. However, if you have questions or concerns regarding the ballot title or explanatory statement, it may be best to direct them to the Port Angeles City Attorney's Office.

Sincerely,



Brian Wendt
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney