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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-19

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WHATCOM COUNTY AUDITOR

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING INITIATIVE BILL 2021-02 WHICH WOULD PROHIBIT THE USE OF FACIAL RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY AND PREDICTIVE POLICING TECHNOLOGY

WHEREAS, a sufficient number of qualified electors of the City of Bellingham have proposed an Initiative Bill, previously assigned 2021-02, which would prohibit the use of facial recognition technology and predictive policing technology;

WHEREAS, Initiative Bill 2021-02 would prohibit the City from acquiring or using facial recognition technology, prohibit the City from contracting with a third party to use facial recognition technology on its behalf, prohibit the use of predictive policing technology, prohibit the retention of unlawfully acquired data, prohibit the use of data, information, or evidence derived from the use of facial recognition technology or predictive policing technology in any legal proceeding, and authorize private civil enforcement actions;

WHEREAS, the City Charter and BMC 1.02.070 provide that the City Council may choose to enact the bill, reject the bill, reject the bill and propose another bill dealing with the same subject, defer the bill to the voters, or take no action on the bill;

WHEREAS, RCW 29A.04.330 requires that the City Council pass a resolution on or before August 3, 2021 to allow an initiative to be placed on the general election ballot in November 2021.

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

The City Council hereby defers Initiative Bill 2021-02 to the voters. The Finance Director is instructed to deliver the Initiative Bill to the Whatcom County Auditor for submission to the qualified electors for approval or rejection on the November 2, 2021, ballot pursuant to the City Charter and the Bellingham Municipal Code, as well as all paperwork required to ensure that the measure is placed on the ballot in November.

The City Council designates the following community members to serve on the committee "For" the initiative bill to prepare a statement advocating that voters approve the measure:

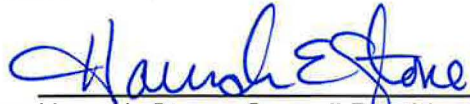
Cleveland Harris II, Jessmaya Morales, and Josh Cerretti.

The City Council designates the following community members to serve on the committee "Against" the initiative bill to prepare a statement advocating that voters reject the measure:

Phyllis McKee, David Charleston, and Sean Brogan.

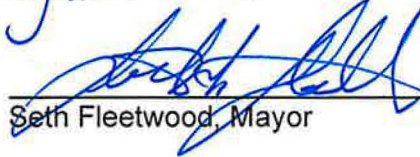
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PASSED by the Council this 2nd day of August, 2021.



Hannah Stone, Council President

APPROVED by me this 2 day of August, 2021.



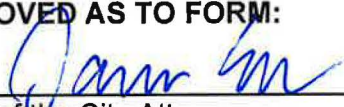
Seth Fleetwood, Mayor

ATTEST:



Andy Asbjornsen, Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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BALLOT TITLE FOR
CITY OF BELLINGHAM INITIATIVE No. 2021-02

City of Bellingham Initiative No. 2021-02 concerns the use of facial recognition technology and predictive policing technology.

This measure would prohibit the City from acquiring or using facial recognition technology, prohibit the City from contracting with a third party to use facial recognition technology on its behalf, prohibit the use of predictive policing technology, prohibit the retention of unlawfully acquired data, prohibit the use of data, information, or evidence derived from the use of facial recognition technology or predictive policing technology in any legal proceeding, and authorize private civil enforcement actions.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes?.....

No?.....

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