



Office of the City Attorney
City of Bellingham

August 2, 2021

Whatcom County Auditor Diana Bradrick
311 Grand Avenue
Suite 103
Bellingham, WA 98225

RE: Explanatory Statement for Proposed Charter Amendment 2021-01

Dear Madame Auditor,

The City Attorney's Office has drafted the following explanatory statement regarding City of Bellingham's Proposed Charter Amendment 2021-01 to be included in the local voter's pamphlet:

The citizens of the City of Bellingham have adopted a Charter which establishes the form of the City, and the manner and mode in which the City exercises its powers, functions, and duties. The Charter may be amended using the petition method under State law on a petition signed by 15% of the total number of voters cast at the last preceding general state election. This proposed amendment would reduce the number of signatures required to propose a Charter amendment by the petition method to 15% of the total number of votes cast at the last preceding general municipal election.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please let know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Erb".

James Erb
Sr. Asst. City Attorney