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Ms. Monica Lusk, City Clerk
City of Burien
400 SW 152nd St., Suite 300
Burien, WA 98166

Dear Clerk Lusk:

I thank you, in advance, for processing the accompanying petitions containing in excess of 3735 signatures of Burien voters (RCW 35A.11.100, 3735 = 15% of Burien Registered Voters as of the 11/3/15 "city general election").

RCW 35.17.280 reads that the Burien Clerk's office is afforded "ten days from filing" to ascertain petition sufficiency. Surely the King County Elections Department is immediately available to assist but not later than "three working days after the filing of a petition" (RCW 35.21.005).

Every day is precious toward supporting your office's sufficiency evaluation and thereafter the Burien City Council's (RCW 35.17.260) action to either pass the petition's ordinance or

"(2) [i]mmediately after the [King County Elections Department] certificate of sufficiency for the petition is received, cause to be called a special election to be held on the next election date, as provided in RCW 29A.04.330, provided that the resolution deadline [8/1/17] for that election has not passed..." (RCW 35.17.260)

Yes, the King County Elections Department must be notified by Burien City Council resolution by Tuesday August 1st to accommodate the petition wish of ultimately more than 4000 Burien voters to vote on Ordinance 651. Time is of the essence and all these petitioners thank you for your work toward accommodating their request.

Thank you,

Craig Keller

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