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Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell

August 9, 2007

Timothy R. June
PO Box 672
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Re: 07CASE; Publicly Financed Campaigns

Dear Mr. June:

On July 13, 2007, I received your application for an initiative that you entitled "*An Act establishing a program of public funding for campaigns for state elected offices, to be known as the Alaska Clean Elections Act.*" We forwarded the application to the Division of Elections for verification of signatures and to the Department of Law for legal review.

The Division of Elections determined that 162 of the 168 signatures submitted were those of qualified voters. Therefore, the application has a sufficient number of sponsors to qualify for circulation of a petition under AS 15.45.030. The petition statistics report summary prepared by the Division of Elections is enclosed.

The Department of Law concluded that the bill and application are in the proper form, and that the application complies with the constitutional and statutory provisions governing the use of the initiative. Copies of the Department of Law opinions regarding the application are also enclosed.

Accordingly, I hereby certify your initiative application is in proper form under Article XI, Section 2 of the Alaska Constitution and under the provisions of AS 15.45. I further certify that the proposed bill to be initiated is in the required form, that the application is substantially in the required form, and that there are a sufficient number of qualified sponsors. Your official certificate is enclosed.

In accordance with AS 15.45.090(a)(2), I have prepared the following impartial summary for the petition booklets:

BILL PROVIDING FOR PUBLICLY FINANCED CAMPAIGNS

This bill creates a program of public financing for state election campaigns. To qualify, candidates must collect a certain number of signatures and \$5 campaign donations. Once qualified, candidates may receive campaign funding from the State of Alaska based on the office sought, upon agreeing to limits for campaign fundraising and spending. A qualified candidate may receive state matching

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funds if the candidate is opposed by a candidate that does not take part in the program.

Should this initiative become law?

The Division of Elections will prepare and print sequentially numbered petition booklets to allow full circulation throughout the state. Each petition will contain (1) a copy of the proposed bill; (2) an impartial summary of the subject matter of the bill; (3) a statement of minimum costs to the state associated with certification of the initiative application and review of the initiative petition; (4) an estimate of the cost to the state of implementing the proposed law; (5) the statement of warning prescribed in AS 15.45.100; (6) sufficient space for the personal information and signatures of each person signing the petition; and (7) other specifications that I decide would ensure proper handling and control. As soon as the booklets are available, the Division will send them to the Division's regional office of your choice (Juneau, Anchorage, Fairbanks or Nome). You will also be provided with instructions regarding the legal requirements for proper circulation of petitions.

The initiative petition must be filed within one year from the date notice is given that the petition booklets are ready for delivery. The petition must be signed by qualified voters at least equal in number to 10 percent of those who voted in the last General Election, who are resident in at least three-fourths of the House districts of the State and who are equal in number to at least seven percent of those who voted in the preceding General Election in that House district.

The number of signatures that you need to gather will be based on the 2006 General Election. You will need at least 23,831 qualified voters in at least 30 election districts to sign the petition.

If you have questions or comments about the ongoing initiative process, please contact my special assistant, Jason Hooley, at 465-4082.

Sincerely,



Sean Parnell
Lieutenant Governor

Enclosures

cc: Talis Colberg, Attorney General
Whitney Brewster, Director, Division of Elections