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Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell

March 11, 2008

Timothy R. June
PO Box 672
Haines, AK 99827

Re: 07CASE Initiative Petition

Dear Mr. June:

I have reviewed your petition for the initiative entitled "*An Act establishing a program of public funding for campaigns for state elected offices, to be known as the Alaska Clean Elections Act*" and have determined that the petition was properly filed. To date, the Division of Elections has verified 25,091 signatures, exceeding the 23,831 signature requirement based on the 2006 General Election. In addition, the petition exceeds the statutory requirements that it be signed by qualified voters (1) equal in number to 10 percent of those who voted in the preceding general election; (2) resident in at least three-fourths of the house districts in the state; and (3) who, in each of the house districts, are equal in number to at least seven percent of those who voted in the preceding general election in the house district. A copy of the Petition Statistics Report prepared by the Division of Elections is enclosed.

This ballot proposition will appear on the election ballot of the first statewide general, special, or primary election that is held after (1) the petition has been filed; (2) a legislative session has convened and adjourned; and (3) a period of 120 days has expired since the adjournment of the legislative session. Barring an unforeseen special election, this proposition is scheduled to appear on the August 26, 2008 Primary Election ballot. If a majority of the votes cast on the initiative proposition favors its adoption, the proposed law is enacted, and I shall so certify. The act becomes effective 90 days after certification.

With the assistance of the attorney general, I have prepared the following ballot title and proposition that meets the requirements of AS 15.45.180:

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

Should this initiative become law?

Please be advised that under AS 15.45.210, this petition will be void if I, with the formal concurrence of the attorney general, determine that an act of the legislature—that is substantially the same as the proposed law—was enacted after the petition has been filed and before the date of the election. I will advise you in writing of my determination in this matter.

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Because your petition was properly filed, you will receive a refund of your \$100 deposit that accompanied your application. By copy of this letter, I am directing Administrative Services to issue a warrant to that effect. If you have questions or comments about the ongoing initiative process, please contact my special assistant, Jason Hooley, at (907) 465-4082.

Sincerely,



Sean Parnell
Lieutenant Governor

Enclosures

cc: Talis Colberg, Attorney General
Gail Fenumiai, Director of Elections
Linda Perez, Administrative Services Director