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SUBJECT: Initiative Measure No. 13 to repeal two existing Seattle City Ordinances that give special privileges in employment and housing to practicing homosexuals.

ATTENTION: Community Leader. IMMEDIATE ACTION IS URGENT!

WHAT INITIATIVE No. 13 WILL DO:

Initiative Measure No. 13 will allow voters of Seattle a chance to repeal two existing City Ordinances that give special privileges in employment and housing to practicing homosexuals.

THE ISSUE:

Article I, Section 12 of the Washington State Constitution states: "No law shall be passed granting to any citizen, class of citizen ... privileges or immunities which upon the same terms shall not equally belong to all citizens...". The present City Ordinances do exactly that by granting to practicing homosexuals special quotas, immunities and privileges in both housing and employment.

Any law which forces employers — public and private — to hire homosexuals; forces property owners and landlords to sell, rent or lease to homosexuals — by making it a crime not to — is an un-Constitutional law. It is a gross mis-use of political power by the few to use government force to threaten YOUR RIGHT OF PRIVACY.

THE ENTIRE NATION IS WAITING TO SEE WHAT WE WILL DO ABOUT IT:

Pending before the Congress of the United States is H.R. 2998 which will do on the National level what the Seattle Ordinances do locally. Also pending before the Washington State Legislature are two additional bills (H.B. 689, and S.B. 2734) which will have a duplicating effect on local and national legislation.

What happens to Initiative No. 13 will have a direct impact on this legislation. Literally, the eyes of the nation are watching. Should we fail in our efforts by allowing the Seattle Ordinances to stand, the effects on schools, housing, your job, and your family's future will be far-reaching and permanent. (It is easier to defeat this legislation now, than to live under the consequences later.)

FOUR THINGS YOU CAN DO TO MAKE HISTORY:

1) Have twenty (20) friends who are REGISTERED TO VOTE INSIDE THE CITY OF SEATTLE — sign the attached Petition. Return the Petition with your signature to our offices at 13528 Lake City Way N.E., Seattle, 98125.
2) More Petitions are available from our office — call 367-1300.
3) Fill out the form below and mail it to us with your check — the "other side" is well financed — don't lose this important fight by default!
4) GET YOURSELF INVOLVED — DECENT PEOPLE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!

CUT ALONG THIS LINE

I oppose laws that give special privileges to practicing homosexuals. Here is what I will do to get Initiative No. 13 on the next possible ballot:

I am enclosing a check in the amount of [ ]$10; [ ]$15; [ ]$20; [ ]$25; [ ]$50; [ ]$100 or more.

(Make checks payable to: S.O.M.E., 13528 Lake City Way N.E., Seattle, Washington 98125 / Phone: 367-1300)

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____ Phone_____

[ ] I need_____ more petitions, please mail them to me at the above address.
[ ] I will be glad to host a Coffee Hour. Call me at the above phone to arrange for details.
[ ] Put me down to help with: [ ] Yard signs; [ ] Clerical Work; [ ] Telephone Work; [ ] Doorbelling; [ ] Assist in Office.

[ ] Need a speaker for Civic Club: Name_____ Date_____