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GAY RIGHTS THREATENED IN SEATTLE

Initiative Filed; Process Explained

A proposed Initiative 13 has been filed in Seattle to remove existing protections in employment and housing for gay people. In addition, the proposed initiative would transfer all of the enforcement powers of Seattle's Office of Women's Rights to another city agency.

The initiative was filed in the Seattle City Clerk's office and referred to the City Attorney for preparation of a ballot title: "Should Seattle's Fair Employment and Open Housing Ordinances be changed to remove their prohibition of discrimination based on sexual orientation?"

The anti-gay rights group sponsoring the initiative has until August to collect signatures of registered voters in the city. Approximately 17,600 valid signatures will place the measure on the general election ballot in November; twice that number, about 35,200 signatures, would force a special election sooner.

Citizens Group Organized

Citizens to Retain Fair Employment has been formed in Seattle to oppose Initiative 13, and has organized a fund raising committee, a campaign operations committee, a legal committee to study all legal questions, and a political committee to plan the campaign strategy.

Many prominent business, church, political, and community and civic leaders have been enlisted to help defeat the initiative. The group will launch a full-scale professional and grass roots campaign, hire campaign staff, conduct public opinion polls, plan media strategy, and call upon all citizens who favor human rights for their help.

To ensure that we will be ready for this effort, your support and your financial contribution are needed now.

CITIZENS TO RETAIN FAIR EMPLOYMENT

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Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____

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Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

My telephone number is _____

I WOULD LIKE TO:

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- ASSIST WITH FUND RAISING
- HOST A COFFEE HOUR, BRUNCH, COCKTAIL PARTY OR DINNER
- VOLUNTEER FOR SPEAKERS BUREAU
- INVITE A SPEAKER TO MY CLUB OR ORGANIZATION
- VOLUNTEER FOR CAMPAIGN WORK
- WORK IN THE OFFICE

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