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The Office of the Secretary of State received a draft ballot title from the Attorney General on June 28, 2007, for initiative petition #109, proposing a statutory amendment, for the General Election of November 4, 2008.

The draft ballot title is as follows:

**ESTABLISHES OPEN PRIMARIES; ELECTORS VOTE REGARDLESS OF
PARTY AFFILIATION; TWO CANDIDATES PROCEED TO GENERAL
ELECTION**

RESULT OF "YES" VOTE: "Yes" vote establishes open primary elections for certain public offices; allows electors to vote for any candidate at primary regardless of elector's/candidate's party affiliation.

RESULT OF "NO" VOTE: "No" vote retains current primary system where electors affiliated with major political parties receive ballot for that party to nominate party's candidate for general election.

SUMMARY: Under current law, electors affiliated with major political parties receive official ballot for party; nominate party's candidate for general election. Measure establishes open primary elections for "voter choice offices": all qualified registered electors receive ballot for "voter choice offices" and may vote for candidates regardless of elector's/candidate's party affiliation; two candidates receiving highest number of votes advance to general election. Allows eligible person, regardless of party affiliation, to fill vacancy. Defines "voter choice offices" as offices of: United States Senator; Representative in Congress; Governor; Secretary of State; State Treasurer; Attorney General; state Senator; state Representative; or any state, county, city, or district office that is not nonpartisan or an office for which political party nominations to general election are authorized by law. Other provisions.

Chief Petitioner(s): Phil Keisling, 3408 SE 8th Ave, Portland, OR 97202.

Copies of the text of this initiative are available at Room 141, State Capitol for \$1.00. Written requests for copies with your remittance of \$1.00 prepaid, should be addressed to: Elections Division, Room 141 State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310-0722.

There now follows a comment period of 10 business days during which any member of the public may submit written comments which address the specific legal standards a ballot title must meet to the Secretary of State's office. This period ends July 13, 2007. Comments must be addressed to: Elections Division, Room 141 State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310-0722; fax (503) 373-7414.

The Secretary of State will deliver all written comments to the Attorney General. If comments are received, the Attorney General shall issue the certified ballot title not later than the 10th business day after receiving the comments from the Secretary of State. If no comments are received, the Attorney General shall issue the certified ballot title not later than the 10th business day after the deadline for submitting comments.

In addition, during this ballot title comment period, the Secretary of State will also seek statements from interested persons regarding whether or not a proposed initiative petition complies with procedural constitutional requirements for submission of proposed initiative petitions. The Secretary will consider the information provided in the statements received from interested persons. If you wish to comment, this period ends July 13, 2007. Comments must be addressed to: Elections Division, Room 141 State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310-0722; fax (503) 373-7414.

Any elector who is dissatisfied with the ballot title certified by the Attorney General, and who timely submitted written comments which addressed the specific legal standards a ballot title must meet, may petition the Oregon Supreme Court seeking a different title. This appeal must be filed not later than the 10th business day after the Attorney General certifies a ballot title to the Secretary of State.

The required number of signatures for placement on the 2008 general election ballot is 82,769. These signatures shall be filed in this office not later than July 3, 2008.



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
APPELLATE DIVISION

June 28, 2007

John Lindback
Director, Elections Division
Office of the Secretary of State
141 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97310

Re: Proposed Initiative Petition — Establishes Open Primaries; Electors Vote Regardless Of
Party Affiliation; Two Candidates Proceed To General Election
DOJ File #BT-109-07; Elections Division #109

Dear Mr. Lindback:

We have prepared and hereby provide to you a draft ballot title for the above-referenced prospective initiative petition. The proposed measure relates to establishing open primaries for certain public offices.

Written comments from the public are due to you within ten business days after your receipt of this draft title. A copy of all written comments provided to you should be forwarded to this office immediately thereafter.

A copy of the draft ballot title is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Misty Kintz /
Legal Secretary

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Enclosure

c: Peter Shepherd, Deputy Attorney General
Don Arnold, General Counsel Division
Steve Wolf, General Counsel Division

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