

**From:** Fell, Garth

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**To:** Alvine, Michael

**Cc:** Lockard, Laura; Huff, Sherril

**Subject:** Verifying and validating petition signatures

Mike,

In response to our phone conversation yesterday, King County does not use a statistical sampling of signatures on petitions but verifies and validates signatures on petitions until the number of signatures verified as valid meets the signature sufficiency requirement of the applicable law(s). For I-24 the requirement is 10% of the votes cast in the county for the office of county executive at the preceding election for county executive (54,732).

Procedurally Elections staff will continue to verify and validate signatures until we have validated 105% of the necessary signatures (57, 469 for I-24) or until we reach the end of the petition, whichever comes first. These additional (5%) valid signatures provide a cushion should challenges on any single signature be brought

Please let me know if you have questions or if any part of this is unclear.

Sincerely,

**Garth Fell**

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