

City of Mukilteo

Proposition 1

Ballot Title

Initiative Measure

Mukilteo Initiative No. 2 concerns automatic ticketing machines. This measure would prohibit Mukilteo from using camera surveillance to impose fines unless two-thirds of the Council and a majority of the voters approve, limit fines, repeal Ordinance 1246 allowing the machines, and mandate an advisory vote. Should this measure be enacted into law?

Explanatory Statement

Chapter 10.05 of the Mukilteo Municipal Code authorizes use of automated traffic safety cameras to detect stoplight violations and school speed zone violations. That chapter also sets forth standards and restrictions regarding use of the cameras, and sets a fine of \$112 for each violation.

If approved, this measure would repeal chapter 10.05 of the Mukilteo Municipal Code. In addition, the measure would add a new chapter 10.06 to the Mukilteo Municipal Code prohibiting the City and any contractor from installing or using automated traffic safety cameras unless the system is approved by a two-thirds vote of the City Council and a majority vote of the people at an election and limiting the fine for infractions to no more than the least expensive parking ticket imposed within the city limits of Mukilteo. An advisory vote of the people at the next general election would be required prior to adoption of an ordinance that authorizes use of automated traffic safety cameras.

Statement For

Statement by: Tim Eyman, Alex Rion, Nick Sherwood

VOTING 'YES' GIVES THE PEOPLE THE RIGHT TO DECIDE

Amazingly, nearly half of active registered voters in Mukilteo signed petitions for our initiative. Why? Because it simply requires the government to ask the voters' permission before it installs for-profit camera surveillance on the citizenry. Voting 'yes' gives the voters the right to decide – voting 'no' means you trust the politicians.

Mukilteo's citizens oppose this Big Brother, profit-making policy and the process by which it was adopted. Our initiative reverses the city council's controversial split-vote, requires they get voter approval if they try again, and removes the profit-motive by limiting fines to the amount set in state law.

INITIATIVE #2 GIVES CITIZENS THE CHANCE TO DECIDE

After voters OK our initiative, the government can then implement more effective (albeit less profitable) strategies like more public education, posted signs, flashing warning lights, speed indicator signs, etc. Those approaches are much more in line with the way we do things in Mukilteo.

We like Mukilteo's small town feel. Slapping up red-light cameras and speed cameras and treating citizens like ATM machines takes that away – it hurts our community.

Having the government conduct camera surveillance on its citizens to impose fines is obnoxious and violates fundamental constitutional rights like due process (here are 17 reasons why they're a really bad idea: www.BanCams.com/17reasons).

Let the people decide. Vote YES.

"Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

Benjamin Franklin

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Statement Against

Statement by: Linda Grafer, Randy Lord, Joe Marine

A limited one-year pilot program was planned to see if camera systems could help address the speeding problem at Olympic View Middle School on State Highway 525, the main ferry traffic route through your city. A recent study showed there were over **85% school zone speeders** while children were present; a tough place to provide a police presence. In addition, the program addressed the red-light runners and high-speed (10+ mph) right-turn violators at Harbour Pointe North and Mukilteo Speedway.

A Tim Eyman-led group has descended on the city for their state-wide goals. Without caring about your safety, they have declared all camera systems are bad, based on faulty implementations in other cities. Instead of experimenting for a year to see if it can be a fair, labor-saving technology, they want to take away your option forever.

We have no issue with the initiative process, but this one ties our hands forever. The initiative's highly restrictive language is quite different from what they've told you. A \$20 ticket wouldn't even cover the cost of the equipment; effectively killing any future chances for this technology. **Let the violators pay the cost, not our citizens.** This initiative kills the idea before it ever has a chance to be tested.

Your city leaders have shown they are responsive. **Don't take away a potential solution** before it's been explored.

Show Tim Eyman that Mukilteo will use facts, not fear, to decide your future. Vote NO on this initiative.

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Rebuttal of Statement Against

Opponents aren't telling the truth - our initiative doesn't prevent automatic ticketing cameras forever, it simply requires politicians to ask our permission first. Voting 'yes' lets the people decide and removes the profit motive by setting fines at the amount set in state law. Voting 'yes' also ensures they'll explore other options that don't violate fundamental constitutional rights.

Mukilteo is a small, polite bedroom community - let's keep it that way.

Let the people decide: vote YES.

Rebuttal of Statement For

Warning lights are already installed at school zones; **clearly not working!** There is nothing more effective for changing behavior than a monetary consequence. A \$20 ticket for endangering children is ludicrous.

Cameras don't violate 'due process' or constitutional rights; individuals have more rights versus Officer issuing the ticket. Innocence is proven with the video. Does a camera in a bank violate due process of a bank robber caught in a crime?