



## Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell

July 19, 2007

Timothy R. June  
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Dear Mr. June:

On May 29, 2007, I received the application for an initiative that you entitled:

*"An Act establishing a program of public funding for campaigns for state elected offices, to be known as the Alaska Clean Elections Act, and amending the oil and gas production tax to levy and collect a surcharge on oil as a source of funding for that program."*

I forwarded a copy of the application to the Department of Law for legal review and to the Division of Elections for verification of sponsors on May 29, 2007.

The Division of Elections reviewed the sponsor signatures and determined that all 145 signatures were those of qualified voters. The application does have a sufficient number of sponsors to satisfy this portion of the application review. Enclosed is a copy of the Petition Statistics Report listing the status of each sponsor in this application.

The Department of Law reviewed the application for compliance with AS 15.45.040. The Department of Law concluded that the application does not comply with the constitutional and statutory provisions governing the use of the initiative because it violates the single-subject rule. That is, the initiative addresses two subjects that have no fair relation to each other: (1) it creates a voluntary system of public campaign financing, and (2) it imposes a tax on oil production. *See* AS 15.45.040(1) ("the bill shall be confined to one subject").

Based on this recommendation, and in accordance with AS 15.45.070, I am denying certification of your initiative petition. I have enclosed a copy of the opinion issued by the department.

Please be advised that under AS 15.45.240, "any person aggrieved by a determination made by the lieutenant governor under AS 15.45.010 – AS 15.45.220 may bring an action in the superior court to have the determination reviewed within 30 days of the date on which notice of the determination was given." If you have further questions, please contact my special assistant, Jason Hooley, at (907) 465-4082.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean Parnell".

Sean Parnell  
Lieutenant Governor

Enclosures

Cc: Talis Colberg, Attorney General, Department of Law  
Whitney Brewster, Director, Division of Elections