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Dear all,

Being as the outreach worker for Democracy Voucher Program in past years, here is my personal written public comment :

My opinion for Item 4

- it is understandable & agreed the decision for the 2026 Seattle City Council District 5 Special Election. It looks like the cost effective option for this time.

My concern is the consistency of the practice. In the past, residents with voucher can choose any candidate they like whom may not belong to their district.

As Seattle voters passed Proposition 1 on August 5 and renewed the voucher program for 10 more years, we may need to consider whether "equity" or "efficiency" can reach our goal of "election is not only for rich people". Should we need new practice to run DVP in next 10 years?

Hope it helps!

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