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Dear Lisa,

Thanks for the great meeting. This thing has legs. We will get the analysis of the first polling results to you on Monday.

1. As to the legality of the city council referring an ordinance to the people to vote, here is an excerpt from Pacifica:
 - Seattle is a first class city with authority to impose excise taxes. RCW 35.22.280(32). The voters may propose an initiative or the City Council may refer an ordinance to a referendum before it becomes law. Seattle Art. IX, sect. 1.H. There do not appear to be any restrictions on subject matter. RCW 35.22.200 ("The charter may provide for direct legislation by the people through the initiative and referendum upon any matter within the scope of the powers, functions, or duties of the city.").
2. We need to think about best sponsors for moving this along with as much teamwork (vs. division) as possible.
3. And we will do more work on the implementation and enforcement aspects.

Let's move this forward. We have a great opportunity for progress in 2016.

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