

2020 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Agenda

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Budget Action Title: Request that OED create strategies to connect developers with small businesses and service providers

Ongoing: Yes

Primary Sponsor: Teresa Mosqueda

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Yolanda Ho

Date		Total	LH	BH	KS	AP	DJ	MO	SB	TM	LG
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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent requests that the Office of Economic Development (OED) collaborate with the Office of Housing (OH), Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI), and the Office of Planning and Community Development to identify strategies and develop tools that will help connect building owners and developers with small businesses and service providers that are seeking commercial tenancies. This could include, but is not limited to: (1) developing a database of small businesses that are either at risk of displacement or have already been displaced, and an inventory of existing vacant commercial spaces and commercial space under development; (2) information on potential funding opportunities for commercial space, such as the Equitable Development Initiative, Seattle Preschool Program, and child care facilities program; and (3) information on permitting, leasing, licensing, and other applicable processes, rules and other requirements. SDCI and OH should provide these resources to all developers pursuing mixed-use residential projects (both affordable and market-rate) at pre-application meetings.

OED, SDCI, and OH should submit the materials and provide a progress report to the Housing, Health, Energy, and Workers' Rights Committee, or successor committee, and the Council Central Staff Executive Director by May 29, 2020.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Housing, Health, Energy & Workers' Rights

Date Due to Council: May 29, 2020