

CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION 32086

A RESOLUTION adopting the Seattle City Council 2023 Work Program.

WHEREAS, each year the Seattle City Council adopts a work program for the year to identify major projects in the various committees of the City Council and to plan assignments of staff time; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:

Section 1. The Seattle City Council 2023 Work Program, attached to this resolution as Attachment A, is adopted. The 2023 Work Program may be updated throughout the year and staff and committee resources are not limited to matters contained in the Work Program.

Section 2. Where conflicts exist between the attached work program and the duties of standing committees outlined in Resolution 32037, Attachment A to this resolution will be advisory to the Council President, but not dispositive, in assigning legislation.

1 Adopted by the City Council the 28th day of February, 2023,
2 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 28th day of
3 February, 2023.

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5 President _____ of the City Council

6 Filed by me this 28th day of February, 2023.

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8 Elizabeth M. Adkisson, Interim City Clerk

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10 Attachments:
11 Attachment A – Seattle City Council 2023 Work Program



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Seattle City Council

2023 Work Program

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY & CITY LIGHT COMMITTEE

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DEPARTMENT OVERSIGHT

City Light; Economic Development; Information Technology

CITY LIGHT – OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL PROJECTS

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Monitor City Light's progress on major capital projects. Engage with City Light on the prioritization of capital project spending such as accelerated pole replacement and repair of underground cables.

LOW INCOME ASSISTANCE

Monitor the City's progress on enrolling eligible customers in low-income assistance programs and recommend changes as appropriate.

CITY LIGHT - POLICY AND FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT

CITY LIGHT REVIEW PANEL

Consider and implement as appropriate the recommendations of the City Light Review Panel in its work to address important trends in the industry that may impact City Light and its customers and possible policy responses to those trends.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE

Monitor and support implementation of the City's Transportation Electrification Strategic Investment Plan (TESIP). Facilitate and promote the expansion of electric vehicle charging infrastructure throughout Seattle on public and private property.

FINANCIAL POLICIES

Review the performance of the new and existing financial policies and recommend changes to the Council as appropriate.

WESTERN ENERGY MARKETS & RESOURCE ADEQUACY

Consider City Light's recommendations to join the Western Resource Adequacy Program (WRAP) and enter a regional energy market and to support regional decarbonization goals and help the utility meet its long-term energy resource needs.

REGIONAL/NATIONAL ISSUES

Monitor regional and national developments in electric industry markets and regulations and recommend actions the Council should consider taking to advance the interests of the rate payers. Address emerging issues related to power resource adequacy, the Bonneville Power Administration, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Western Energy Imbalance Market, and other regional/national issues, as appropriate.

SKAGIT RIVER HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT RELICENSING

Monitor City Light's ongoing process of relicensing the Skagit River Hydroelectric Project. The project is a series of three dams on the Skagit River that provide 20 percent of City Light's power, licensed under the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**ECONOMIC RESILIENCY**

Engage with issues relevant to Seattle's economy, including emerging issues that may impact efforts to improve the city's business climate. Unlock generational wealth opportunities for business owners by connecting them to capital, real estate, and new markets. Monitor and work with the Office of Economic Development (OED) to implement/advance a community-centered investment agenda and promote inclusive economic growth, including, but not limited to, implementing recommendations in OED's "Future of the Seattle Economy" report.

SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT

Monitor implementation of strategies to support, retain, and grow small businesses, including, but not limited to, the Capital Access Program, Seattle Restored, the Tenant Improvement Program, and support for small businesses' ownership of their commercial space. Explore possible expansion of those programs as well as further efforts to provide technical assistance, grants, and other financial assistance, including access to capital, with an emphasis on women- or minority-owned businesses and businesses located in areas identified as being at high risk of displacement. Work with OED, the Seattle Department of Transportation, and other departments, as appropriate, to help mitigate impacts of City-funded construction projects on small businesses. Address emerging issues that may impact efforts to support small businesses.

DOWNTOWN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION

Support and initiate strategies to revitalize downtown and address emerging issues that may impact those efforts. Advance policies to improve Third Avenue and activate public spaces in order to attract people to Seattle's central core, including, but not limited to, residents, tourists, youth, families, etc. Work to support existing businesses in downtown, while also attracting new businesses to the area.

NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICTS

Monitor programs and initiatives to support small businesses within neighborhood business districts and Business Improvement Areas (BIAs). Identify opportunities to provide additional support to business districts. Consider proposed legislation for new or modified BIAs.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Monitor and support OED's ongoing policy and programmatic work in workforce development. Identify opportunities to facilitate connections between City departments and organizations engaged in workforce development in the region. Oversee development and implementation of the Workforce Development Strategic Plan, which will include strategies to reduce the racial wealth gap.

FILM, MUSIC, AND NIGHTLIFE

Empanel the Seattle Film Commission and support the implementation of recommendations by commissioners from the Film Commission and the City's Music Commission to strengthen Seattle's film and music industries. Explore and implement strategies to strengthen Seattle's nightlife economy and address emerging issues that impact those efforts.

RENTAL HOUSING PROVIDERS

Explore strategies to support small businesses that provide rental housing.

TECHNOLOGY - INTERNAL IT OPERATIONS**INFORMATION SECURITY**

Monitor Information Security programs, including the effectiveness of strategies to protect the City from cybersecurity incidents that threaten the City's ability to deliver services.

TECHNOLOGY - INTERNET ACCESS**5G DEPLOYMENT**

Monitor interdepartmental policy and processes to support effective deployment of fifth generation ("5G") wireless networks.

DIGITAL EQUITY

Review and monitor policy and measurements for City efforts to increase digital equity and examine where access to technology may be disproportionately denied.

TECHNOLOGY - PRIVACY**SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGIES**

Consider legislation to approve Surveillance Impact Reports on technologies that are currently in use or proposed for use by the City, as well as an updated surveillance technology Master List and ordinance. Review annual Surveillance Usage Reports.

PRIVACY INITIATIVE

Monitor the Privacy Initiative and the implementation of its policies and principles throughout the City organization. Review and take action on proposed budget or other legislation as needed.

GENERAL COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Monitor and make recommendations on appointments to the Seattle City Light Review Panel, the Community Surveillance Working Group, the Community Technology Advisory Board, the Seattle Film Commission, the Seattle Music Commission, the Special Events Committee, and other boards and committees as needed.

BUDGETS AND ROUTINE LEGISLATION

Oversee department budgets. Consider routine legislation.

DEPARTMENT HEAD APPOINTMENTS OR REAPPOINTMENTS

Review qualifications of individuals nominated by the Mayor. Recommend confirmation to City Council, as appropriate.

EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

Monitor and coordinate as appropriate with external committees that have subject matter overlap, including: the Economic Development Council of Seattle and King County, the Investment Committee for the New Market Tax Credits Program, the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Economic Development Board, and Visit Seattle (formerly the Seattle Convention and Visitors Bureau), and others, as needed.

RACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE

Review annual department Race and Social Justice Initiative (RSJI) reports.

FINANCE AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

TERESA MOSQUEDA, CHAIR

TOM MIKESSELL, CENTRAL STAFF COORDINATOR

DEPARTMENT OVERSIGHT
City Budget Office; Economic and Revenue Forecasts; Employees Retirement System; Finance and Administrative Services; Housing
BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL REPORTING AND OVERSIGHT
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN Monitor adoption of the 2023 Annual Action Plan and Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development, which guide the allocation of federal grant and program revenue funds, including CDBG, HOME, ESG AND HOPWA. Monitor required public hearing for the Draft 2024 Annual Action Plan in December.
CAPITAL PROJECTS QUARTERLY REPORTS Review Executive’s capital projects quarterly reports as contemplated in Resolution 31853.
CITY CASH, DEBT, AND INVESTMENT REPORTING Review quarterly reports by the Director of Finance, required under Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) Section 3.39.035, on revenues, the City's cash pool, investments, interfund loans, debt, debt service, and debt guarantees. Review reports on socially responsible banking.
CURRENT YEAR BUDGET LEGISLATION Review budget-related legislation including supplemental requests, grant acceptance requests, carry-forward requests, capital abandonment, fund closures, exceptions, and other bills.
DEBT AND PUBLIC FINANCE Review and consider action on anticipated Limited Tax General Obligation bond sales and issuance of miscellaneous debt. Attend and monitor monthly Debt Management Policy Advisory Committee (DMPAC) meetings.
DISAGGREGATED DATA AND PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS Monitor City efforts to measure and evaluate the impacts of the City’s recovery investments, the data disaggregation pilot, the cohesive common application tool for new and existing City recovery investments; and the centralized marketing and compensation for Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) funded in Ordinance 126371.
GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL PLANNING Review impacts to the General Fund financial plan due to changes in the revenue forecast and proposed expenditure changes, including mid-year supplemental budget adjustments and the 2024 Proposed Budget.
VOTER-APPROVED PROPERTY TAXES Monitor delivery of capital projects, programs, and services funded through voter-approved property tax levy lid lifts.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Serve on the Seattle Employees' Retirement System Board of Administration (Chair) and Firefighters' Pension Board.

JUDGMENT AND CLAIMS

Review Judgment and Claims Fund annual briefing on settlements over \$200,000 and semi-annual reports on claims and lawsuits against the City. Monitor quarterly meetings of the Judgment and Claims Finance Committee.

SEATTLE CITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SCERS)

Provide general oversight of SCERS. Review any assumption changes and other policy recommendations related to the Actuarial Experience Study and Valuation and the Environmental, Social, and Governance policies. Coordinate budget implications with the City Budget Office and the Finance and Administrative Services Department. Monitor possible State review of First-Class Cities' retirement plans, support review as needed, and develop related City proposals as appropriate. Propose and develop new policies to ensure equitable access to retirement system.

GENERAL COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Monitor and make recommendations on appointments to the: Payroll Tax Oversight Board, Housing Levy Oversight Committee, Seattle Housing Authority Board, Seattle Investment Fund LLC – Advisory Board, Seattle Investment Fund LLC – New Markets Tax Credit Investment Committee, Seattle Retirement Savings Plan Board, Sweetened Beverage Tax Community Advisory Board, Burke-Gilman Place Preservation and Development Authority Governing Council, and the Capitol Hill Housing Improvement Program Governing Council. Review annual work plans as appropriate.

EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

Monitor and coordinate as appropriate with external committees that have subject matter overlap, including: City Employees' Retirement System Board of Administration; Debt Management Policy Advisory Committee; Economic and Revenue Forecast Advisory Committee; Firefighters' Pension Board; Seattle King County Public Health Board; Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) of the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC).

FAS PROGRAMS MONITORING

Monitor FAS programs, including Customer Service, Business Licensing, Financial Services, Operational Services the Seattle Animal Shelter, and jail services contract negotiations.

HOUSING

ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Monitor the Governor's proposed legislation to provide \$4 billion of funding for affordable housing. Monitor proposed renewal of the King County Human Services and Veteran's Levy. Monitor implementation of King County's Health through Housing program and the allocation of Sales Use Tax for housing for City priorities, including: funding for operations and maintenance (O & M), and services for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH); and acquisition and development of new housing serving those at or below 30% of AMI, etc.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON PUBLICLY OWNED LAND

Review the ongoing work of Enterprise Community Partners on the pre-development and related analyses of publicly owned lands appropriate for development of affordable housing in the City. Review other proposals, and adopt legislation, as needed, to facilitate development of affordable housing on publicly owned lands, including Sound Transit and the University of Washington Laundry Site and South Park.

SOURCES OF IDENTIFICATION TO ACCESS HOUSING

Explore potential alternatives to government-issued identification (ID) cards traditionally required for prospective tenants seeking housing. Obtaining such ID cards can be challenging for people experiencing homelessness and/or others who lack immediate access to documents required to obtain such ID cards.

EVALUATION OF STRATEGIES TO ADVANCE LABOR AND EQUITY OUTCOMES IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Monitor the Office of Housing's work on advancing labor equity outcomes and requirements (Priority Hire, apprentice utilization, Women and Minority Owned Businesses, etc.) through the imposition of such requirements on upcoming city-funded housing projects on city-owned land, including the University of Washington (UW) laundry site, and Lake City Community Center affordable housing project.

FORT LAWTON

Monitor activities related to the redevelopment of Fort Lawton.

HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAMS

Monitor and review implementation of the City's first-time homebuyer assistance, homeowner stabilization, and homeownership development programs, including the Rainier Valley Homeownership Initiative and implementation of the JumpStart homeownership program. Examine strategies to increase the effectiveness of such programs.

2023 HOUSING LEVY RENEWAL

Review and approve 2023 Housing Levy Renewal legislation for placement on ballot. Review the annual report on the 2016 Housing Levy programs and the City's Housing Investments.

MULTI-FAMILY TAX EXEMPTION (MFTE) PROGRAM

Review the semi-annual report and annual report on MFTE program including: number of applications, project types, sizes, locations, unit mixes and MFTE set-asides. In addition, the annual report will also include: rent data for both market-rate and MFTE Units in approved projects; the value of the tax exemptions granted; changes in the housing market; and changes to State law related to the MFTE program. Review and approve legislation to extend the MFTE program.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL

Review the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) and the Office of Housing (OH) response to Statement of Legislative Intent OH-004-A-002 requesting a report that includes recommendations concerning modifications to the Notice of Intent to Sell (NOIS) Ordinance and other programmatic changes related to this ordinance.

SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY (SHA) HOUSING PROJECTS

Review reports on the Yesler Terrace Redevelopment project and Seattle Senior Housing Program. Consider legislation, as necessary, related to these and other SHA-owned properties that include City funding and/or restrictions. Monitor plans for redevelopment of Northgate Commons property.

SERVICES FUNDING FOR NON-PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (PSH) PROVIDERS AND PREDEVELOPMENT OR ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY FUNDING

Review the Office of Housing's response to Statement of Legislative Intent OH-300-A-002 requesting an exploration of options for non-permanent supportive housing services funding and pre-development and/or organizational capacity funding. OH will explore potential funding options in the preparation of the 2023 Housing Levy Renewal package that will be submitted to the Council.

SURPLUS PROPERTIES

Review and monitor implementation of the City's Surplus Property Disposition policies (as amended by Resolution 31837) as it relates to the authorization of the sale, transfer or lease of City-owned property for development of affordable rental or homeownership housing. Consider modifications to these policies, as warranted.

CITY CONTRACTING POLICIES AND PRACTICES

Review City contracting policies and practices, including requirements and technical assistance for women and minority owned enterprises, priority hiring, etc. Monitor implementation of Executive Order 2019-06 (Economic Inclusion and Contracting Equity).

MUTUALLY OFFSETTING BENEFIT LEASES

Review the purchase and sale agreements for transfer of Mutually Offsetting Benefit Lease properties to tenant organizations.

LABOR TRAFFICKING

Develop policies and legislation in collaboration with the Executive to establish labor standards that address working conditions and wage violations involving forced labor.

PAID SICK AND SAFE TIME FOR APP-BASED WORKERS

Consider legislation that would ensure broader access to paid safe and sick time for app-based workers in emerging industries.

TAX AND FISCAL POLICY

CANNABIS EQUITY

Review recommendations from the Payroll Tax Oversight Committee and monitor payroll expense tax spending by departments.

JUMPSTART SEATTLE PROGRESSIVE PAYROLL TAX

Review recommendations from the Payroll Tax Oversight Committee and monitor payroll expense tax spending by departments.

CITY TAXES

Support development and evaluation of any proposals for new or revised City taxes.

FINANCIAL POLICIES

Review technical changes to Citywide financial policies submitted by the City Budget Office.

REVIEW BUDGET PROCESS AND PLANNING RESERVE POLICY CHANGES

Review and implement any recommendations based on Statement of Legislative Intent LEG 322-A-011-2023, which requests a Central Staff/City Budget Office workgroup be formed to identify budget and financial planning process and policy changes, with a report due by May 31st, 2023.

MONITOR THE WORK OF THE INDEPENDENT OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND REVENUE FORECASTS

Review and monitor the quarterly revenue reports from the Office of Economic and Revenue Forecasts and the revenue forecast recommendations from the Forecast Council.

REVENUE GENERATION STRATEGIES

Review report from a collaborative process with the Executive to identify new ongoing revenue. It is expected that this process would include empaneling a task force of community experts to develop a report listing progressive revenue options. This report would be due by May 1, 2023.

TAXI, FOR-HIRE, AND TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES

TAXI AND FOR-HIRE REGULATIONS

Examine issues and regulatory policies related to regionalization of taxi, for-hire and TNC licensing and regulations. Review proposed legislation regarding regulation to the industry.

GOVERNANCE, NATIVE COMMUNITIES, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS COMMITTEE

DEBORA JUAREZ, CHAIR

KARINA BULL, CENTRAL STAFF COORDINATOR

DEPARTMENT OVERSIGHT

Auditor; Civil Service Commission; Ethics and Elections; Hearing Examiner; Human Resources; Intergovernmental Relations; Labor Standards*; Legislative Department; Mayor's Office; Ombud
*Some legislation related to the Office of Labor Standards may be directed to the Finance and Housing Committee as needed.

AMERICAN INDIGENOUS, ALASKA NATIVE, AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITIES

IMPROVING PARTNERSHIPS WITH NATIVE COMMUNITIES

Consider efforts, strategies and partnerships to make the City more affordable and hospitable for American Indigenous, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian people. Review data collection and reporting efforts for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls casework, the results of which guide policy and program development.

INDIGENOUS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Review the annual workplan and annual report of the Indigenous Advisory Council, including its goals, policy recommendations, action steps, and challenges. Develop opportunities to build the capacity of Tribal, urban Indian, and Indigenous-led organizations to engage in City budget and policy processes. Consider and pursue efforts, strategies, and partnerships with City departments regarding issues, policies, budgets, and potential projects that affect American Indigenous, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian people living in Seattle.

TRIBAL SUMMIT

Partner with the Indigenous Advisory Council in developing opportunities to engage City leadership, local Tribal Nations, and urban Indigenous-serving organizations through a Tribal Summit, meetings, or events.

CONSULTATION WITH TRIBES

Establish standard procedures for providing acknowledgment and consultation to Tribes whose land is affected by construction or other City policy initiatives.

ACKNOWLEDGING AND MEMORIALIZING INDIGENOUS EXPERIENCES IN RESIDENTIAL/BOARDING SCHOOLS

Pursue opportunities to provide a forum for public comment to record experiences of Indigenous people related to and affected by forced attendance at residential/boarding schools.

AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

CITY AUDITOR - GENERAL OVERSIGHT

Ongoing oversight of the City Auditor function. Review reports as appropriate.

ETHICS AND ELECTIONS**ETHICS AND ELECTIONS**

Monitor and review any proposed regulations or supplemental budget changes related to the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission, including the Democracy Voucher program

GENERAL COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Monitor and make recommendations on appointments to the Civil Service Commission, Domestic Workers Standard's Board, Ethics and Elections Commission, Indian Services Commission, Indigenous Advisory Council, Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee, Labor Standards Advisory Commission, and Seattle International Affairs Advisory Board.

BUDGET AND ROUTINE LEGISLATION

Oversee department budgets and consider routine legislation.

DEPARTMENT HEAD APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

Review qualifications of individual(s) nominated by the Mayor. Recommend confirmation of the appointments to Full Council, as appropriate.

EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

Monitor and coordinate as appropriate with external committees that have subject matter overlap, including the Association of Washington Cities Board, King County Regional Policy Committee, Labor-Management Leadership Committee, and Seattle International Affairs Advisory Board.

RACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE (RSJI)

Review annual department RSJI reports.

REGULAR REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Review required reports related to the establishment of an Indigenous pharmacy or market (SLI OED-007-A-002) and the Seattle Police Department's data associated with Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls cases (SLI SPD-002-A-001). Review other reports as directed to the committee.

GOVERNANCE**COVID-19 RESPONSE**

Monitor the regional response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including the distribution of vaccines and the City's role in ensuring a fair and equitable distribution process. Oversee coordination with federal, state, and regional partners as necessary.

CITY HALL SECURITY

Review security assessment of the City of Seattle Council Chamber and Legislative Department, including the Councilmember and staff offices on the second and third floors of City Hall and monitor procurement for and implementation of recommendations.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

Review and consider revisions to policies and procedures in the Legislative Department to address equity issues, including those that impact employee recruitment and retention.

REVIEW OF COUNCIL RULES

Review and consider amendments to Council Rules.

HEARING EXAMINER**OFFICE OF HEARING EXAMINER**

Monitor issues or legislation related to the Office of Hearing Examiner.

HUMAN RESOURCES**HUMAN RESOURCES LEGISLATION**

Oversight and review of legislation related to City employment, including quarterly employment ordinances, the annual pay zone ordinance, annual position list, potential ordinances for annual wage increases, and other human resources legislation proposed by the Executive.

WORKFORCE EQUITY

Monitor development and implementation of initiatives to achieve workforce equity by the Office of Employee Ombud and the Seattle Department of Human Resources, such as Citywide Workforce Equity Strategic Plan, the Human Resources Investigation Unit, and Citywide anti-discrimination and anti-harassment training programs. Review and update, as necessary, the workplace expectations of the Legislative Department code of conduct.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL - REGIONAL ISSUES**MAJOR EVENTS**

Review implementation of Resolution 30340 for major events in Seattle.

MEMORIAL STADIUM REDEVELOPMENT

Oversee the relationship and the development of potential agreements with Seattle Public Schools regarding the Memorial Stadium Redevelopment project, consider any legislation and agreements related to the redevelopment project, and review the response to SLI CEN-602-A-002-2023 on the project scope, cost estimates, and funding sources for the project.

OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Participate in the development of City priorities for local, regional, Tribal, state, and federal governments to develop the partnerships needed to successfully advance common interests.

SISTER CITIES PROGRAM

Monitor existing Sister Cities Program affiliations.

STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Coordinate development of the City's state and federal legislative agendas.

WORKERS' RIGHTS**BENEFITS AND PROTECTIONS**

Collaborate with the Chair of the Standing Committee on Finance and Housing to consider legislation to establish and/or strengthen worker protections and benefits, such as legislation addressing certain minimum wage exemptions, ensuring that employees receive all compensation owed from employers, and streamlining labor standards enforcement.

OFFICE OF LABOR STANDARDS

Collaborate with the Chair of the Standing Committee on Finance and Housing to monitor the implementation of Seattle's labor standards, contracts with community organizations for worker and business outreach, recommendations by the Office of City Auditor to improve enforcement and outreach, and support for the Labor Standards Advisory Commission and Domestic Workers Standards Board.

DOMESTIC WORKERS

Collaborate with the Chair of the Standing Committee on Finance and Housing to review and respond to Domestic Workers Standards Board work plan and policy recommendations, including their collaboration with the Office of Labor Standards to develop a portable paid time off policy for domestic workers.

LAND USE COMMITTEE

DAN STRAUSS, CHAIR

KETIL FREEMAN, CENTRAL STAFF COORDINATOR

DEPARTMENT OVERSIGHT
Planning and Community Development; Construction and Inspections
CITYWIDE PLANNING
ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS/BACKYARD COTTAGES Monitor the implementation of legislation to facilitate the construction of accessory dwelling units and backyard cottages.
AFFORDABLE HOUSING Consider changes to the Design Review program to reduce permit review times for low-income housing developments.
CHILD CARE Monitor the implementation of legislation to facilitate child-care facilities.
CITYWIDE DESIGN REVIEW Review the response to SLI SDCI-004-A-001, the 2017 Design Review Program Improvements, and 2020 coronavirus response legislation and consider any improvements to the program, including opportunities to improve design outcomes, increase equity, and reduce review times.
GROWING GRACEFULLY Consider tools to manage the impacts of growth in areas with high risk of displacement and support neighborhoods that provide opportunities to live, work, play, and visit.
MARITIME AND INDUSTRIAL LANDS POLICIES AND REGULATIONS Review proposals to amend policies, zoning and regulations related to industrial and maritime lands to implement the recommendations of the Maritime and Industrial Strategy Council.
MANDATORY HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IMPLEMENTATION Monitor implementation of the Mandatory Housing Affordability program and consider changes to the program, as appropriate.
MARITIME POLICIES Consider additional strategies to support the maritime sector.
SOLID WASTE STORAGE FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT Update development standards to promote solid waste separation and collection in new commercial, multifamily, and mixed-use development.
TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEES Consider imposing transportation impact fees as permitted by State law to mitigate for the impacts of growth.

COMMUNITY PLANNING
<p>130TH AND 145TH STATION AREA PLANNING Monitor planning efforts around the N. 130th St. and N. 145th St. future light rail stations and review legislation related to these areas.</p>
<p>CAPITOL HILL PUBLIC LIFE STUDY Review the recommendations of the Capitol Hill Public Life Study and consider implications for other parts of the city.</p>
<p>COMMUNITY PLANNING Monitor OPCD's community planning efforts.</p>
<p>LID I-5 FEASIBILITY STUDY Monitor the implementation of the I-5 LID Feasibility Study.</p>
<p>NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGN GUIDELINES Review legislation to adopt or update neighborhood design guidelines to implement area plans.</p>
<p>UNIVERSITY DISTRICT MHA Review legislation to implement the Mandatory Housing Affordability program in the University District.</p>

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING
<p>MAJOR UPDATE Monitor work on the 2024 Comprehensive Plan major update, including work on outreach and engagement, scoping and drafting of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and development of a Racial Equity Toolkit. Review efforts to incorporate EIS alternatives in proviso OPCD-001-B-001 related to new housing types in single-family areas, planning for 15-minute neighborhoods, and anti-displacement measures.</p>
<p>REGIONAL GROWTH CENTERS PLANNING Monitor OPCD's work to update plans for Regional Growth Centers.</p>

EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT
<p>COMMUNITY INVESTMENT TRUSTS Consider measures the City can take to support Community Investment Trusts as identified in response to SLI OPCD-009-A-001.</p>
<p>EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE Monitor implementation of the Equitable Development Initiative (EDI) and projects funded by the EDI Fund, and efforts to coordinate with related community investments in the Office of Housing and Office of Economic Development. Identify additional funding for EDI.</p>

GENERAL COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES
<p>BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS Monitor and make recommendations on appointments to the Equitable Development Initiative Advisory Board, the Seattle Design Commission, Seattle Planning Commission, Construction Codes Advisory Board, and Design Review Boards.</p>
<p>BUDGET AND ROUTINE LEGISLATION Oversee department budgets. Consider routine legislation.</p>
<p>DEPARTMENT HEAD APPOINTMENT OR REAPPOINTMENT Review qualifications of individuals nominated by the Mayor. Recommend confirmation of the appointments to City Council, as appropriate.</p>
<p>EXTERNAL COMMITTEES Monitor and coordinate as appropriate with external committees that have subject matter overlap, including the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) of King County; Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Executive Board; PSRC Growth Management Policy Board; and Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Board.</p>
<p>RSJI Review annual department RSJI reports.</p>
OTHER LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS
<p>FLOOD PLAIN REGULATIONS UPDATE Review legislation replacing interim flood plan development regulations with permanent floodplain development regulations.</p>
<p>LOADING REGULATIONS Monitor the response to SLI SDCI-602-A-001-2023, which requests that SDCI promulgate a Director’s Rule related to management and regulation of building service elements, like loading berths and solid waste storage to address increased competition along users of alleys. If regulations cannot be accomplished by Director’s Rule, consider amendments to off-street loading regulations to reduce conflicts in alleys in denser neighborhoods.</p>
<p>MISC. LAND USE LEGISLATION Review land use legislation related to emergent issues identified by the Council and Executive departments. Legislation could include amendments clarifying or correcting the text of the Land Use Code or amendments to address minor policy changes.</p>
<p>REDEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS Consider amendments to the Land Use Code to facilitate redevelopment by the Seattle School District, including changes to the development standard departure process for public schools.</p>
<p>SEPA REGULATIONS Consider improvements to State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) regulations, including opportunities to track, prevent, and mitigate displacement of residents and small businesses.</p>

SHORELINES AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Consider changes to shoreline regulations and opportunities to build resiliency in shoreline areas in the face of climate change.

SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

Consider opportunities to improve subdivision regulations, including delegation of final plat approval to the Seattle Department of Transportation and SDCI.

TECHNICAL CODES

Review amendments to Building, Electrical, and other technical codes.

TREE REGULATIONS & URBAN FORESTRY FUNDING

Monitor progress on the development of strategies to protect trees and increase Seattle’s tree canopy cover as described in Resolution 31902 and review legislation. Consider changes to SDCI’s tree service provider registry requirements. Monitor Citywide funding for tree planting, stewardship and other urban forestry-related activities as requested in SLI OSE-301-A-002-2023.

OVERSIGHT OF SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF CONSTRUCTION AND INSPECTIONS (SDCI) AND OFFICE OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (OPCD)

ENFORCEMENT COMPLAINT RESPONSE TIMES

Review Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) quarterly reports on enforcement complaint response time.

PERMIT REVIEW TIMES AND THE PERMIT REVIEW PROCESS

Request the City Auditor to review the permitting process with all departments that provide permitting for new construction and provide an assessment on where improvements can be made. Review SDCI quarterly reports on turnaround times for permit review, identify and support opportunities to decrease permit review turnaround times.

PROJECT SPECIFIC ACTION (TYPE III, IV AND V DECISIONS)

SUBDIVISIONS (TYPE III)

Review full subdivision applications and Council bills.

MODIFICATIONS FOR CITY FACILITIES (TYPE V)

Review applications by City departments for modifications and waivers to development standards for City facilities.

QUASI-JUDICIAL (QJ) ACTIONS (TYPE IV)

Review Major Institution Master Plans, contract rezone petitions, and other quasi-judicial land use matters. Update the Quasi-judicial Notebook as needed and serve as a resource for ad hoc questions about the quasi-judicial process.

NEIGHBORHOODS, EDUCATION, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

TAMMY J. MORALES, CHAIR

JASMINE MARWAHA, CENTRAL STAFF COORDINATOR

DEPARTMENT OVERSIGHT
Arts and Culture; Civil Rights; Education and Early Learning; Immigrant and Refugee Affairs; Neighborhoods and Neighborhood Matching Fund
ARTS
AFFORDABLE CULTURAL SPACE Monitor implementation of "The CAP Report: 30 Ideas for the Creation, Activation, and Preservation of Cultural Space" and the "Structure for Stability Report," and review related legislation.
ARTS & CULTURAL DISTRICTS Monitor implementation of Arts & Cultural Districts; consider proposals for the creation of new art districts; and review related legislation.
CREATIVE ADVANTAGE Monitor expansion and implementation of Creative Advantage and workforce development.
CULTURAL SPACE AGENCY Monitor implementation of the Cultural Space Agency Public Development Authority, consider providing funds to seed it, and review related legislation.
FUNDING FOR CAPITAL FACILITIES Monitor new capital facilities fund grants for non-City owned arts and cultural facilities, and consider potential amendments to program provisions.
RECOVERY EFFORTS Monitor federal and state funding the City receives and allocates to support the survival of creative industries as they deal with the COVID-19 pandemic and associated impacts.
CIVIL RIGHTS
CITYWIDE RSJI EFFORTS Work with OCR and the RSJI network to consider legislation establishing the existing Race and Social Justice Initiative in the Seattle Municipal Code.
ENFORCEMENT AND OUTREACH Monitor investigation and enforcement outcomes. Monitor employment bias and fair housing testing results and community education and outreach efforts.
LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT RACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE (RSJI) Support the Change Team in implementing the Legislative Department Racial Equity Work Plan and provide accountability for the Legislative Department as it fully integrates RSJI principles into the department's policies, procedures, culture, and work.

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

Monitor the implement of the participatory budgeting process with a focus on funding projects identified by communities disproportionately impacted by police violence. Participate on City Interdepartmental Team (IDT). Receive departmental updates, consider associated legislation, and monitor funding for participatory budgeting.

WORKPLACE HARASSMENT AND BIAS

Work with SOCR to examine how current sexual harassment policies and practices impact people experiencing sexual harassment. Review the audit of experiences of racial bias in departments and implement recommendations to address hiring and retention of Black and Brown individuals and women in the workplace.

EDUCATION**EARLY LEARNING & CHILD CARE**

Monitor the implementation of the City's investments in birth-to-three early learning strategies including, but not limited to, ParentChild+ and the Nurse-Family Partnership. Additionally, monitor recommendations for increasing the affordability of child care.

FAMILIES, EDUCATION, PRESCHOOL, AND PROMISE LEVY

Monitor the overall implementation and investments of the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise (FEPP) Levy, including fidelity with the adopted Implementation and Evaluation Plan, performance measurement and reporting, and Racial Equity Toolkit processes and recommendations.

SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CITY COOPERATION

Oversee the working relationship between the City and Seattle Public Schools, including working collaboratively on joint projects and issues to advance the quality of public education.

SEATTLE K-12 PROGRAM

Monitor K-12 school- and community-based investments as part of the FEPP Levy, focusing on students not yet meeting grade level expectations and those from families and communities that are underserved. Additionally, monitor the City's investments directed toward restorative justice; Black and Brown students; and culturally responsive programming. Monitor implementation of K-12 funding for mental health support.

SEATTLE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Monitor expansion of the Seattle Preschool Program (SPP) as part of the FEPP Levy, focusing on affordability, quality, and equitable access for families.

SEATTLE PROMISE

Monitor implementation of the Seattle Promise program as part of the FEPP Levy, including ensuring equity in the program design and resource allocation.

GENERAL COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Monitor and make recommendations on appointments to the Seattle Arts Commission; Seattle Disability Commission; Seattle Human Rights Commission; Seattle Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) Commission; Seattle Women's Commission; Seattle-King County Advisory Council on Aging & Disability Services; Seattle Youth Commission; Community Involvement Commission; Landmarks Preservation Board; Ballard Avenue Landmark District Board; International Special Review District Board; Pike Place Market Historical Commission; Pioneer Square Preservation Board; Cultural Space Agency Public Development Authority; Historic Seattle Preservation and Development Authority; Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority; and the Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority.

BUDGET AND ROUTINE LEGISLATION

Oversee department budgets and the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy. Consider routine legislation.

DEPARTMENT HEAD APPOINTMENT OR REAPPOINTMENT

Review qualifications of individuals nominated by the Mayor. Recommend confirmation of the appointments to City Council, as appropriate.

EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

Monitor and coordinate as appropriate with external committees that have subject matter overlap, including the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy Oversight Committee.

RSJI

Review annual department RSJI reports.

NEIGHBORHOODS

SOCIAL HOUSING AS A COMPONENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD WELLBEING

Analyze and monitor national policy related to universally affordable publicly owned and run social housing, as it relates to promoting neighborhood-level accessibility, connectivity, or resilience, including an emphasis on social, economic, and racial equity and diversity. Monitor and oversee formation of social housing policy or programs developed at the City of Seattle, and pursue policy related to social housing programs as a means of building neighborhoods where everyone can live in a home affordable to them and access services, recreation, and jobs within their own neighborhood.

CONNECTED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP PILOT LEGISLATION

Work with community stakeholders and members of the Executive department on passage of a pilot program demonstrating the social benefit and feasibility of developing intentionally income-diverse socially mixed housing available to a wide spectrum of incomes. This pilot would provide incentives to housing developments that dedicate a minimum of 30% of onsite units for affordable housing via a partnership between private, nonprofit, and public partners in areas of the city with a historical lack of affordable housing and potential for residential displacement.

GENERATIONAL WEALTH

Work with the Department of Neighborhoods and community stakeholders in identifying actionable next steps from the upcoming Generational Wealth Report Initiative. Analyze national trends and generational wealth building models that center community and workers ownership, progressive procurement, equitable small business ecosystems, wealth creation, retention and asset protection, and workforce development.

DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS' PROGRAMS

Monitor Seattle Department of Neighborhoods' (DON's) programs including the Neighborhood Matching Fund, Healthy Food Fund, Your Voice Your Choice, Engage Seattle, Community Engagement Coordinators, and Community Liaisons. Consider legislation as appropriate.

GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME (GBI)

Review proposals for a GBI program pursuant to Council Budget Action DON-003-B-001 and evaluate resources and funding necessary to stand up such a program.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Review landmark controls and incentives legislation. Monitor and take action as needed on issues related to historic districts and City landmarks.

REIMAGINATION AND RECOVERY

Monitor DON's work on Reimagination and Recovery, including work supporting community wealth-building, outreach and Racial Equity analysis for the WSBLE project, support for planning in the Chinatown/International District, and living systems workgroups.

NEW AMERICANS**DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA)**

Analyze local policy issues and programs related to protecting the DACA program, including DACA and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) application support.

LANGUAGE ACCESS

Monitor and support OIRA's language access programs and initiatives. Consider and pass an ordinance strengthening the City's language access policies.

IMMIGRATION

Address policy and programming adopted in the Welcoming City Resolution (Resolution 31730). Monitor City compliance with Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 4.18 regarding enforcement of federal immigration laws.

OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE AFFAIRS (OIRA)

Monitor implementation efforts related to the mission of OIRA and its programs, including the legal defense fund and rapid response programs; and evaluate the resources and funding of OIRA to perform its ongoing work program.

SUPPORT FOR IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE WITNESSES, SURVIVORS, AND VICTIMS OF CRIME

Review and implement as necessary recommendations requested in Resolution 31775. Continue monitoring Executive implementation of Resolution 31775, strengthening public safety by affirming the City's support for immigrant and refugee witnesses, survivors, and victims of crime.

PUBLIC ASSETS AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

ANDREW J. LEWIS, CHAIR

TRACI RATZLIFF, CENTRAL STAFF COORDINATOR

DEPARTMENT OVERSIGHT

King County Regional Homelessness Authority; Libraries; Parks and Recreation; Seattle Center; Office of the Waterfront and Civic Projects

AQUARIUM

CITY AND SEATTLE AQUARIUM SOCIETY (SEAS) AGREEMENT

Monitor agreement between the Seattle Aquarium Society (SEAS) and the City to operate the Aquarium. Monitor the planning and funding of the Aquarium expansion project.

CENTRAL WATERFRONT PROGRAM

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Monitor, review, and consider plans, strategies, partnerships, agreements, and implementation activities relating to the Central Waterfront Program and the Office of the Waterfront, including reviewing and acting on proposed legislation, as needed. This includes: monitoring progress on the multiple projects that comprise the Central Waterfront, including the expansion of the Seattle Aquarium; legislation authorizing a long term operating agreement with Friends of the Waterfront Seattle for operation and management of public spaces on the Central Waterfront, including partnerships; and other agreements.

GENERAL COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Monitor and make recommendations on appointments to the: Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners; Pacific Hospital Preservation and Development Authority; Seattle Center Advisory Commission; Seattle Public Library Board of Trustees; Zoo Board; Washington State Convention Center Public Facilities Board; Central Waterfront Oversight Committee; and the Arboretum and Botanical Garden Committee.

DEPARTMENT HEAD APPOINTMENT - SEATTLE PARKS AND RECREATION

Review qualifications of the individual nominated by the Mayor. Recommend confirmation of appointments to City Council, as appropriate.

EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

Monitor and coordinate as appropriate with external committees that have subject matter overlap, including: King County Regional Policy Committee; King County Regional Homelessness Authority Governing Committee; Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Executive Board; PSRC Growth Management Policy Board; PSRC Operations Committee.

PARKS, SEATTLE CENTER, LIBRARIES AND WATERFRONT EMERGING ISSUES

Review of emerging Parks, Seattle Center, Seattle Public Library, and Office of the Waterfront issues.

RACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE (RSJI)

Review annual department RSJI reports.

HOMELESSNESS**EMERGENCY SHELTER**

Receive regular reports and updates on the expansion of emergency shelter programs and efforts to provide shelter and housing to people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, including the opening of new tiny home villages as provided for in the 2023 Adopted Budget and potential closure of hotel sheltering programs.

KING COUNTY REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS AUTHORITY

Monitor, assess, and review KCRHA's county-wide rebidding of homelessness services contracts, emergency response to severe weather, and poor air quality. Review five-year strategic plan for the delivery of homelessness services.

Monitor transfer of funds to KCRHA to contract for geographically-based outreach services at Unified Care Team-identified sites and potential Memorandum of Agreement memorializing new roles, or if funds are not transferred to KCRHA, how HSD will use these funds.

PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS

Monitor and review King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) and HSD's homelessness investments, including periodic updates on the performance of homelessness investments. Assess effectiveness and explore opportunities for alternate strategies as needed.

RACIAL EQUITY

Monitor data on racial inequities in the experience of homelessness and receipt of homelessness services.

UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS

Monitor efforts to provide public hygiene services, respond to trash accumulation, and address public health concerns related to homelessness, such as the Unified Care Team/Clean Seattle Initiative.

Review performance metrics reports on the Unified Care Team (UCT) and other departments managing the City's response to unsanctioned encampments, including quarterly reports pursuant to SLI HSD-301-A-001-2023.

Monitor the support of programs to connect people experiencing homelessness who reside in vehicles with services and housing, including funds provided in the 2023 Adopted Budget.

LIBRARY**LIBRARY LEVY OVERSIGHT**

Monitor implementation of the Library Levy and how levy proceeds are being used to restore, maintain, and improve core library services. In addition, monitor SPL's efforts to increase access to reliable and affordable broadband internet service for city residents, consistent with the recently adopted Internet for All Resolution (Resolution 31956).

PARKS
<p>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) Review CIP projects on a quarterly basis to evaluate progress on project completion.</p>
<p>BELLTOWN COTTAGES Receive and review a report from the Office of Housing and SPR on a plan to rehabilitate the property known as the “Belltown Cottages” for use as low-income housing as requested in OH 601-B-001. This plan would explore the potential transfer of the property from SPR to Historic Seattle for the ongoing operation as low-income housing in partnership with the Office of Housing. The report is due by July 31, 2023.</p>
<p>AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM FOR RESETTLED AND IMMIGRANT CHILDREN Receive and review a report from SPR on the funding provided in 2023 to an organization, such as Kids and Paper, that provides after-school programs for resettled and immigrant children who are predominantly low income living in Magnuson Park. The report is due by January 31, 2023.</p>
<p>PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS FOR 2023-2028 FUNDING PLAN Review proposed performance metrics for each of the initiatives included in the 2023-2028 six-year funding plan, including both new initiatives and those initiatives continuing from the first six-year plan. Performance metrics will be reported at the detailed line of business level. SPR is requested to submit the proposed metrics no later than March 31, 2023.</p>
<p>ANNUAL REPORT Review annual report on Park District spending for 2022.</p>
<p>PARK RANGER PROGRAM Beginning April 1, 2023, review quarterly reports regarding the Park Ranger program. The reports will include: the number of verbal warnings issued and reason for issuance of warning; the number of written warnings citations issued, the reason for issuance of written warning or citation, and the number that led to criminal trespass arrests; an update on the number of park rangers hired; and locations (parks) where park rangers are being deployed.</p>
<p>INSTALLATION OF TURF AT JUDKINS PARK Review report from SPR and the Seattle Public School District (SPSD) that explores the feasibility of installing turf at Judkins Playfield. This report is due by June 1, 2023.</p>
<p>RENOVATION OF INTERBAY ATHLETIC COMPLEX Review report from SPR and the Seattle Public School District (SPSD) that explores the potential renovation of the Interbay Athletic Complex.</p>
PARKS - OTHER
<p>WOODLAND PARK ZOO Monitor agreement between the Woodland Park Zoological Society and the City.</p>

SEATTLE CENTER**SEATTLE CENTER CONTRACTS AND LEGISLATION**

Review and consider miscellaneous Seattle Center legislation and contracts, including those related to campus tenants and events. Monitor any updates to, and implementation of, the Century 21 Master Plan, including campus redevelopment activities, except for the redevelopment of Memorial Stadium that will be directed to the Governance, Native Communities, and Tribal Governments Committee.

CIVIC PROJECTS - OTHER

Continue to monitor and support the work related to the Downtown Seattle Association's Third Avenue Vision described in Resolution 32067 adopted by the Council in 2022.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

LISA HERBOLD, CHAIR

GREG DOSS, CENTRAL STAFF COORDINATOR

DEPARTMENT OVERSIGHT

Community Police Commission; Community Safety and Communications Center; Office of Emergency Management; Fire Department; Human Services Department; Office of Inspector General; Law Department; Municipal Court; Office of Police Accountability; Police Department; Public Health - Seattle and King County

ALTERNATIVES TO CURRENT 911 RESPONSE

CRISIS RESPONSE

Monitor programs and investments related to crisis response, including the staffing and service provision of behavioral health crisis response programs and the availability of non-City funding for such programs, the Crisis Connections OneCall program, implementation of the 988-crisis response line, continued gaps in providing services, and ensure crisis response is coordinated with human services and behavioral health supports.

MONITOR DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE 9-1-1 RESPONSE

Monitor the Seattle Police Department, Seattle Fire Department and Seattle Community and Communications Center inter-departmental workgroup risk assessment analysis for alternative response to some 9-1-1 calls; monitor the Executive’s progress and spending to support the implementation of a dual dispatch program, as described in Council Budget Action CSCC-002-B-001-2023, that augments current 9-1-1 response to calls with a mental/behavioral health nexus. Council understands a dual dispatch program to mean one that involves the simultaneous dispatch of an SPD response unit and a non-police unit staffed by responders with specialized training in mental/behavioral health crisis, with SPD participating in on-scene response only when there is a law enforcement concern. Work with Executive staff to plan and scope Committee presentations about dual dispatch program implementation and service delivery.

Monitor the potential expansion of SPD Community Service Officer (CSO) duties to include response to a subset of Priority 3 and Priority 4 service calls; understand the costs, dependencies, required cross-departmental coordination, and implementation timeline of any such expansion.

SPD 911 CALL ANALYSIS

Hold quarterly public hearings on the recommendations resulting from Statement of Legislative Intent SPD-302-A-001 on SPD's Risk Management Demand (RMD) Analysis, which classified calls into four "Tiers," each of which identified a different level of potential danger to civilian alternative responders. The hearings will examine:

(1) Whether the department is planning to request that external experts and/or the public review the specific call classifications that were recommended by the RMD algorithm or SPD staff, (2) A briefing on the Call Classifier technology, (3) The status of fully integrating SPD and Seattle Fire Department call management system data (e.g., Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) data), (4) The status of SPD's work with the Community Safety and Communications Center (CSCC) to reduce the scale and redundant nature of the call types; (5) Identification of the system go-live date and specific milestones for the project; (6) identification of any preliminary findings that may be affecting the deployment of alternative 911 responders; and (7) Progress toward using the data to create an alternative response staffing model. SPD will submit reports on this project per the following schedule: by January 31, 2023, a report that covers items 1-4 above; by May 1, 2023, a report that covers item 5; and by September 1, 2023, a report that covers items 6-7.

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**AGENCY START UP**

Monitor ongoing implementation of new Community Safety and Communications Center, including appointment of a permanent director and potential additional civilian public safety functions; and consider any related legislation. Monitor OIG's audit of the transition of the 911 call center to the CSCC, to include consideration of areas such as call assignment, dispatch protocols, response times, crisis and equity training, and disparate impact analysis.

Monitor the intent of the Executive with respect to the creation of a new non-police agency to support and enhance the provision of public safety, understanding that the Council's expectation is that any such agency will be located within the CSCC; monitor any financial planning and/or expenditures associated with the creation of this agency.

911 CALL-TAKING AND DISPATCH FUNCTIONS

Monitor the CSCC's development of new dispatch protocols, its Criteria Assisted Research Evaluation and Screening (CARES) project, and consideration of potential additional dispatch functions, which may include alternatives to police response.

9-1-1 EXCISE TAX REVENUES

Monitor the balance and use of these revenues, which are held in a King County escrow account. Monitor and participate in any discussions that would establish guidelines, policies, timelines, or a prioritization scheme related to expenditures from these revenues.

E911 STRATEGIC PLAN

Monitor implementation of the King County Regional E911 Strategic Plan, including the Platform Modernization Project and other issues related to governance, technology and finance.

STAFFING LEVELS

Monitor staffing-related issues at the Community Safety and Communications Center, including vacancy levels and overtime policies and practices. Monitor response to Statement of Legislative Intent CSCC-300-B-001-2023, requesting a report on various dimensions of staffing and call answering. Monitor the hiring process for 2.0 FTE 9-1-1 Communications Dispatcher II, which were added in Council Budget Action 600-A-001-2023.

CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM POLICY REFORM FOR BETTER PUBLIC SAFETY OUTCOMES**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WORKGROUP**

Consider recommendations to be issued in 2023 from a work group convened by the Office for Civil Rights regarding alternatives to incarceration for individuals accused of misdemeanor domestic violence, as described in Council Budget Action OCR-002-A-001 and recommended by the Community Task Force report on the Criminal Legal System issued in 2021.

ENTHEOGENS

Monitor progress of State psilocybin work group, which Senate Bill 5693 (2022) directed the Washington State Health Care Authority to create for the purpose of assessing current cannabis regulations and investigating whether state-sanctioned psilocybin services are appropriate for Washington adults. Monitor progress and implications of any state legislation related to entheogens; work with the City Attorney's Office and other departments to reflect any new RCW in the SMC and to scope the City's implementation and administration of any new regulatory requirements. Monitor, assess, and provide updates on SPD's actions in response to Resolution 32021. Consider legislation that would establish entheogen-related offenses among the City's lowest law enforcement priorities, incorporating the disposition of Senate Bill 5263 (2023).

HATE AND BIAS CRIMES

Monitor data on the incidence of hate and bias crimes, the evolution of best practices to address them, and funding to organizations working on community safety initiatives related to hate and bias crimes. Monitor funding awards to groups supporting Asian/Pacific Islander communities affected by anti-Asian hate crimes.

KING COUNTY JAIL

Monitor and participate in efforts to reinvest jail funding in supporting people most impacted by incarceration and an internal jail contract advisory group, including reviewing the response needed to lift the proviso in FAS-003-A-002-2023. Evaluate King County Jail contracts and consider all recommendations for improvements in jail operations, the charges and fees paid by individuals during their incarceration, and the services provided to incarcerated individuals, including any recommendations from the Public Health - Seattle & King County Cities & Counties for Fine and Fee Justice (CCFJ) work group.

LESS LETHAL WEAPONS

Monitor the Executive's implementation of Ordinance 126422, restricting the use of less lethal weapons, including compliance with the consent decree process. Monitor OIG audit of taser effectiveness, which will assess the historical effectiveness of tasers as a less lethal tool.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS

Monitor the Executive's planning for extreme weather events, including OEM's development of a citywide Extreme Heat Plan targeted for completion in 2023 and a three-year Regional Catastrophic Planning project to create a plan for all-hazard resilience hubs throughout Seattle. Monitor the role of City departments in responding to these events and serving those affected by them, including the evolving role of HSD staff.

CLIMATE-RELATED FLOODING

Monitor the City's response to the December 2022 flooding in South Park, including OEM's findings from an After-Action Report for the incident. Seek to establish a departmental lead for climate change-related flooding.

PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS

Monitor progress on the citywide emergency management Strategic Plan update. Monitor Seattle Hazard Identification and Vulnerability Assessment update and citywide tsunami preparedness planning.

UNREINFORCED MASONRY BUILDINGS

Monitor quarterly reports requested by Resolution 32033 from SDCI, OEM, and other City departments on City progress toward implementation of a mandatory URM seismic retrofit program.

GENERAL COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Monitor and make recommendations on appointments including the Community Police Commission, Public Safety Civil Service Commission and Fire Code Advisory Board. Support the local Board of Health in recruiting diverse and skilled members to meet revised state requirements for Board of Health membership.

BUDGET AND ROUTINE LEGISLATION

Oversee department budget and levies and consider routine legislation such as the annual legislation that updates the Municipal Code traffic and criminal titles for consistency with State law, as appropriate.

DEPARTMENT HEAD APPOINTMENT OR REAPPOINTMENT

Consistent with Resolution 31868, when appropriate, review qualifications of individual(s) nominated by the Mayor, including recommending confirmation of the appointments to City Council, as appropriate, for Seattle Municipal Court judges, the Human Services Department Director, the Public Health Director, the Seattle Police Department Chief, Seattle Fire Department Chief, Seattle Community Safety and Communications Center Director, Community Police Commission Executive Director, Office of Police Accountability Director, and Inspector General for Public Safety.

EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

Monitor and coordinate as appropriate with external committees that have subject matter overlap, including Regional Law and Justice Committee, Regional Domestic Violence Initiative and the Domestic Violence Prevention Council, the Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services, and the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network, funded by a countywide levy passed by voters in 2015.

RACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE

Review annual department RSJI reports for departments that fall within the Committee's subject matter area. Review reports identifying impacts of the criminal legal system and policing on communities of color/ vulnerable communities.

REGULAR REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Review required annual reports for departments that fall within the Committee's subject matter area as well as regarding/related to (1) the review of reports regarding quarterly case outcomes, annual pre-filing diversion data, and scope of the LEAD positions as required by Ordinance 126520 and the monitoring of associated issues; (2) quarterly data regarding the use of subsidies for indigent individuals on electronic home monitoring in 2022; and (3) quarterly reports on sexual assault cases in the domestic violence unit of the City Attorney's Office as requested in Statement of Legislative Intent LAW-601-A-001-2023.

HUMAN SERVICES - LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION**DEPARTMENT OVERSIGHT**

Monitor the Human Services Department's operations, including the implementation of the recommendations from Alvarez and Marsal regarding staffing and technical improvements to the Human Services Department's (HSD's) financial and accounting practices, as well as recommending confirmation of Department directors to City Council, as appropriate.

TRACKING INVESTMENTS

Monitor status of HSD budget appropriations, including Council additions to the 2023 budget and recommendations of the Equitable Communities Initiative, including re-entry programs, Farm to Table, and culturally responsive and inclusive healthcare investments. Review funding processes and impacts for equitable outcomes.

HUMAN SERVICES WAGES

Monitor the impact of automatic annual contract escalation on provider wages and turnover. Monitor comparable worth analysis for human services providers funded through Council Budget Action HSD-002-B-001-2022 and wage parity for crisis responders funded through HSD-40-A-001-2023. Review the response to statement of Legislative Intent HSD-300-A-002-2023, due to the committee on June 20, 2023.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT - REQUIREMENTS

Consider legislation that lists the activities that the department proposes for the receipt of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investments Partnerships Program (HOME), Housing Opportunities for People Living with AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) federal funds in the coming year (HSD Annual Action Plan, which may be considered in the Finance and Housing Committee). Consider HSD's five-year Consolidated Plan, identifying housing and community development priorities that align with these programs.

HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH**AGE FRIENDLY SEATTLE**

Monitor HSD's action on the City's Age Friendly designation and provide grant-funded case management and home care services to Medicaid-eligible older adults, including investments in community living connections and community transportation. Follow up on impacts of Stay Connected Pilot Program and programs to address social isolation in seniors.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Monitor the Area Agency on Aging and the Seattle-King County Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services.

ABORTION

Monitor the awarding by HSD of funds provided in 2023 for investment in an organization that funds abortion access and provides travel support. Council Budget Action HSD-004-B-001-2023 provided funding for this investment. Monitor the implementation and impacts of Ordinances 126634, 126649, 126650, and 126660. In partnership with the Law Department, continue to explore greater protections for individuals seeking reproductive health care.

ADDICTION TREATMENT

Monitor, receive and review Statement of Legislative Intent 605-A-001-2023, which requests that the Mayor's Office and HSD collaborate on a plan to develop a Request for Qualifications process that would result in the award of funding for addiction treatment, using a portion of Seattle's anticipated \$14.1 million in proceeds from the settlement against opioid medication distributors.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Explore ways to expand the availability and accessibility of mental health and substance use disorder services to support ongoing healing and recovery and prevent behavioral health crises, including steps to address the shadow pandemic of mental crises and violence, services for children and youth, services that specialize in serving the LGBTQ population, crisis stabilization services, and supporting the Neighborhood Safety Model. Monitor the work of the King County Department of Community and Human Services to develop a spending plan for anticipated Crisis Care Centers Levy funds.

HUMAN SERVICES - YOUTH AND FAMILY EMPOWERMENT**PUBLIC HEALTH**

Monitor the ongoing response to the COVID pandemic, other diseases, and emerging public health concerns, such as actions to address the disproportionate effects of the pandemic on communities of color; expenditure of federal funds to offset the effects of the pandemic; continuing efforts to build culturally-informed testing, vaccination, treatment, and other health system structures; stabilizing and bolstering the healthcare system; helmet enforcement policies; and trends and responses to drug overdoses.

SWEETENED BEVERAGE TAX (SBT) FUNDING

Monitor and review HSD programs funded by SBT.

UTILITY DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Monitor policies and strategies to increase enrollment in the Utility Discount Program. Review program changes implemented in 2020 and 2021 and their impacts on enrollment. Monitor implementation of the City-wide affordability portal.

PAY-UP CAMPAIGN

Develop policies and consider legislation to establish labor standards for app-based workers, such as protections against unwarranted deactivations.

HUMAN SERVICES – SAFE AND THRIVING COMMUNITIES**SAFETY INVESTMENTS**

Monitor establishment of the Safe and Thriving Communities Division, including investments in community safety programs, such as the Seattle Community Safety Initiative, Community Safety Capacity Investments, and the Regional Peacekeepers Collective. Specifically examine Community Safety Initiative work including deescalating hotspots or critical incidents through rapid response; providing mediation to resolve conflicts peacefully; providing immediate support, connection to services, and case management; and tracking data on deployment that leads decreased involvement in violence and crime and increased feelings of safety.

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Monitor the Human Services Department's domestic violence and sexual assault prevention work plan and the Gender-Based Violence Victim Services and Legal Services Requests for Proposals. Monitor implementation of the domestic violence firearms forfeiture program. Participate in the regional Domestic Violence Initiative and the Domestic Violence Prevention Council and actions that result from their quarterly meetings. Draft legislation and provide policy guidance, as appropriate. Consider legislation that lifts the proviso imposed by CBA-HSD-021-A-002, which provided funding for services for women who have experienced sexual exploitation.

GUN SAFETY

Advance the conversation on gun safety and interlocal coordination and gun trace data; monitor State legislative activity. Participate on King County Gun Violence Prevention Leadership Group and monitor recommendations for future implementation in City policy. Explore legislation to pursue improvements in gun safety. Should the State Legislature fail to pass meaningful reform of gun restrictions at public events statewide but provide local municipalities authority to enact restrictions, consider City legislation that would improve gun safety.

GUN VIOLENCE REDUCTION

Monitor the development and implementation, by the Regional Peacekeepers Collective (RPKC), of a new gun-violence reduction program that employs the RPKC's existing response model and provides care and services targeted to men aged 25-40. Council Budget Action HSD-039-B-001-2023 provided one-time funding to develop and launch this program. Monitor the activities of Public Health – Seattle & King County that seek to reduce gun violence and the County's regular reporting on this subject.

PROGRAMS OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER ASSOCIATION

Monitor, assess, and provide updates on HSD’s work with the Public Defender Association (PDA) to understand the impact of incremental funding on LEAD program growth and how increased funding affects service provision to LEAD clients, consistent with Council Budget Action HSD-038-C-001-2023. Work with HSD to understand the discrete mission of PDA programs that incorporate the LEAD model and the budget and performance metrics associated with each of them; work with HSD to scope and develop a Committee presentation from the PDA when its 2023 contract with HSD has been signed, responsive to changes in that contract. Work with HSD and the PDA to understand the cost and potential implementation timeline of funding the LEAD criminal legal system diversion program to scale. Monitor HSD’s implementation of the shift of the current hotel-based service model for CoLEAD to the approach described in Change Request HSD-146 (2023).

MAYOR’S EXECUITVE ORDER ON SEXUAL ASSUALT INVESTIGATIONS AND VICTIM ADVOCACY STAFFING

Monitor the work and consider the recommendations of the Mayor’s Advisory Panel on Sexual Assault and System Reform. Monitor the hiring and onboarding of new 2023 FTE added in support of Executive Order 2022-05, including 2.0 FTE Crime Victim Advocates (CVAs) to support victims of SPD assigned sexual assault cases. Monitor the caseloads of all HSD CVAs. Monitor the impacts of the pre-file CVA’s ability to provide updates on case assignment and status and on the addition of a bilingual CVA. Understand HSD’s future language priorities for this job classification.

VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND

Review progress and participate, as appropriate, in efforts to stand up the Victim Compensation Fund provided in the 2022 Adopted Budget, including funding for outreach and administration and for the community to convene to determine a longer-term restorative justice response to the criminal legal system.

PRE-FILING DIVERSION

Monitor and participate as appropriate in efforts to contract with providers of diversion services for the expansion of the pre-filing diversion program in the City Attorney’s Office to individuals 25 and older.

SEATTLE CITY ATTORNEY

CLIENT SERVICES

Monitor implementation of the pre-filing diversion program by the City Attorney’s Office and monitor associated issues. Monitor expansion of pre-filing diversion program to individuals 25 and over. Monitor progress of any recommendations from the City Attorney’s Office to implement expansion of prefiling diversion opportunities to those over the age of 25 based on the 2021 results of the racial equity toolkit.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROSECUTION

Review the results of the racial equity toolkit requested in Statement of Legislative Intent LAW-301-A-001-2023 about domestic violence prosecutions and reporting on whether and how the City Attorney’s Office will implement recommendations of the workgroup reporting on alternatives to incarceration accused of misdemeanor domestic violence.

FIRST RESPONDERS

OFFICER AND FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT DIVERSITY

Monitor SFD and SPD diversity recruitment efforts. Also monitor the work and impacts of each department's efforts to improve retention rates among BIPOC and/or women recruit candidates. For SFD, monitor the work of the Strategic Advisor 2 position added in 2021 "to enhance diversity in the department through recruiting and outreach efforts and workforce development" and, to the extent possible, the impacts of this work.

USE OF CAUTION NOTES IN 9-1-1 RESPONSE SYSTEMS

Review CSCC and SFD guidelines around the use of person-based and address-based caution notes that alert call takers and first responders to potential risk. Understand the types of risk that these guidelines are intended to mitigate, the decision process that precedes the creation of a caution note, the audit process that ensures caution notes are current and relevant, and the Executive's understanding of the cost-benefit analysis of caution notes.

SEATTLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIREFIGHTER SAFETY

Consider legislation that would prohibit individuals from interfering with or harming a Firefighter who is providing emergency medical services, protecting property through a fire and rescue response or providing fire prevention services.

Examine issues affecting the health, mental health, and safety of SFD first responders and staffing needs for safe and effective working conditions. To the extent possible, monitor the impacts of trauma-informed counseling services and other training and programs that are made available through Local 27's contract with a behavioral health coordinator.

HEALTH ONE PROGRAM MONITORING

Clarify and document the data classifications that SFD uses in this program and understand how these may change as alternate dispatch protocols are implemented. Clarify and document the department's understanding of dispatched responses vs. non-dispatched responses vs. outreach vs. on-scene education for high utilizers of the 9-1-1 system vs. assistance with the Vulnerable Adult program vs. the provision of transportation. Monitor SFD's efforts to provide enhanced service to individuals calling with lower acuity complaints.

Monitor SFD's plans, decisions, and actions regarding the expansion of the Health One program, in particular to increase its hours of operation. Review report referenced in Council Budget Action SFD-003-A-001-2023, which imposed a proviso on SFD grant funding to fund ARNP consultant services to the Health One program and requested that the department describe the effectiveness and outcomes of these services.

NEW RESPONSE RESOURCES

Monitor, assess, and provide updates on response time by the ladder truck at Fire Station 37 and the medic unit at Fire Station 26. Council Budget Action SFD-002-A-002-2023 added funding to make these resources permanent and described associated costs that would be incurred beyond 2024. Monitor, assess, and provide updates on any changes to the Executive's planned approach to staffing the ladder truck and medic unit; the progress of firefighters through the paramedic training program to staff the medic unit, and the anticipated costs and delivery dates of required additional resources.

NURSE NAVIGATION PROGRAM

Monitor the implementation of and the impacts and insight gained from the Nurse Navigation Program and the program's impact on SFD first responders. Review the regular reports that SFD staff compile on the program.

SAFETY SYSTEMS

Examine the steps SFD has been taking to boost inspection completion rates, including moving high-rise inspections to the Fire Prevention Division (FPD), implementing a nuisance alarm reduction program, and an IT systems replacement project to move toward mobile inspections. Monitor legislation that created citation authority for SFD to provide additional tools regarding compliance and violations.

SEAPLANE PUBLIC SAFETY CAMPAIGN

Monitor SFD's work to secure a contract with a recreational boating association to perform onshore safety and awareness work related to seaplane activity and the floatplane zone in Lake Union; subsequently monitor the work of the contracted organization.

SFD STAFFING LEVELS AND THEIR IMPACTS

Monitor the planned work of SFD and CBO to update and refine SFD's forecasting model for firefighter vacancies. Monitor, assess, and provide updates on SFD firefighter staffing levels as reported and forecast by the department and the impacts of these levels, including any potential or actual service brownouts, trends in firefighter use of paid leave, payouts to retiring firefighters and the net potential liability for this expense, and the progress of recruits through 2023 training classes.

SFD STAFFING, OVERTIME, FINANCES, AND SERVICE METRICS

Hold quarterly public hearings on the responses to Statement of Legislative Intent SFD-300-A-001-2023, which requests reports that include the following:

- Staffing data including demographic data on hires and separations
- Overtime data including two years of actual and planned expenditures, and an accounting of both dollars spent and hours worked
- Financial data including three years of General Fund expenditures for: (a) salary and benefits and (b) overtime
- Performance data including 911 call response time metrics.

Reports are due on April 15, July 15, and October 5, 2023.

STAFFING, PAYROLL AND TIMEKEEPING SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

Monitor SFD's ongoing implementation and troubleshooting of the Orion staffing/payroll system and the volume and disposition of filed grievances related to this new system. Monitor the cost, personnel, and labor impacts and implementation timeline should a formal decision be made, in partnership with Seattle IT, to abandon the Orion implementation and initiate a new Request for Proposal process.

SEATTLE MUNICIPAL COURT**CAPITAL OVERSIGHT**

Oversee progress related to replacement of the Seattle Municipal Court Information System.

CLIENT SERVICES

Monitor, review, and analyze the criminal legal system, including implementation of Seattle Municipal Court programs such as domestic violence court, and mental health court, as well as the Community Resource Center. Consider legislation to enhance assistance to persons involved with the criminal legal system pre- adjudication and post-adjudication, including bail reform and civil legal defense.

COMMUNITY COURT

Monitor whether SMC Community Court is achieving the outcomes intended, including exiting people with misdemeanor charges from the criminal legal system, reducing time in jail both pre-trial and in sentencing, and referring them to services within the community to address root causes of the behavior driving commission of misdemeanors.

ELECTRONIC HOME MONITORING

The quarterly electronic home monitoring (EHM) report requested in CBA SMC-003-A-001, is now available on the Court's website as a Tableau visualization and posted here:

<https://seattle.gov/courts/about/data-and-publications/court-performance-reports/electronic-home-monitoring>

Seattle Municipal Court will continue to update this data on a quarterly basis.

FINES AND FEES

Review response to Statement of Legislative Intent SMC-001-A-002 in the 2022 Adopted Budget, which requests that SMC provide a report on fines and fees related to an individual's involvement with the court. The report is anticipated by March 1, 2023.

PROBATION

Work with the Seattle Municipal Court to implement recommendations from the City Auditor's assessment of SMC probation's racial and ethnic proportionality and the findings of the 2020 Vera Report.

SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**CONSENT DECREE**

Monitor the Court-appointed Monitor's work to establish and file a 2023 Monitoring Plan, including community outreach in the areas of Crisis Intervention, Stops and Detentions and Use of Force, including Crowd Management. Should the Court grant release of the City from some provisions of the Consent Decree, then work with the Monitor and Office of the Inspector General for Public Safety (OIG) to determine whether some of the Monitor's oversight role can be transferred to OIG and the staff and resources that are necessary to support the additional workload that might accompany such a role.

SPD ONLINE REPORTING SYSTEM

Monitor SPD's efforts to improve its online crime reporting systems, which allows residents to file police reports related to low level crime such as graffiti, property destruction, physical theft or identify theft, lost property or other non-emergency criminal occurrences. The department has planned an update to allow better use of the system and potentially alleviate burden on its sworn force. Ensure that the department's planned update includes sufficient language access functionality.

COPPER WIRE

Monitor the City's ongoing efforts to implement an asset loss methodology and regulatory controls over copper wire recyclers as outlined in Statement of Legislative Intent SPD-9-A-2-2021 and SPD 10-A-2-2021. Monitor State legislative efforts to regulate recyclers who accept copper wire.

EVIDENCE STORAGE DISCLOSURE BACKLOG

Monitor the Executive's efforts to identify and secure additional evidence storage space. The Office of the Inspector General for Public Safety reported in December 2020 that overcrowding at SPD's evidence storage warehouse resulted in failed fire inspections in 2016 and 2017 and in the agency mistakenly destroying 107 DNA samples. Monitor the 2023 Adopted Budget add of \$500,000 for a lease for additional vehicle storage needs.

OFFICER RETENTION AND WELLNESS

Monitor department initiative to retain sworn personnel and ensure the wellness of SPD officers, including SPD's Precinct-based MHP Program, which contracts with a mental health professional (MHP) to coordinate the program, which provides services ranging from peer support to substance abuse counseling, family counseling, acute crisis care, trauma response, and spiritual care for police employees.

RELATIONAL POLICING PROGRAM

Monitor the development of SPD's Relational Policing Program funded in the 2023 Adopted Budget. The Relational Policing Program is a 45-day program to immerse recruits in community-based, peer-based, and introspective experiences that provides them a lens through which to receive their Academy training.

ANTI-VIOLENCE EMPHASIS PATROLS

Monitor SPD production and July 2023 submission of Statement of Legislative Intent SPD-303-A-001-2023, which requests information and analysis related to anti-violence emphasis patrols, which could include emphasis patrols located downtown on 3rd & Pine or in the International District at 12th & Jackson. The analysis should include an examination of all SPD data on emphasis patrols (e.g., on-view, CAD data etc.), desired and unforeseen outcomes and impacts with a focus on racial equity impacts, alternatives to emphasis patrols and the interaction between emphasis patrols and the City Attorney's High Utilizer List.

SPD BACKGROUNDING

Monitor SPD production and April submission of Statement of Legislative Intent SPD-304-A-001-2023, which requests that the department provide a report on its backgrounding services to include: (1) whether SPD's external backgrounding vendor includes, in its processes, questions about extremist organizations; and (2) whether SPD includes, in its processes, questions about extremist organizations.

SPD RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION PROGRAM

Monitor SPD's \$4.3 million program for police recruitment and retention initiatives, such as a hiring bonus program, new branding and marketing and advertising strategy, leadership training, third-party background and testing services, and automation of police candidate case management.

RETAIL THEFT

Monitor SPD's efforts to deter and respond to retail theft in the downtown core and in neighborhood business centers. Monitor the City Auditor's audit of the City's approach to Organized Retail Crime (ORC) and highlight Auditor and community recommendations to combat retail theft and address upstream root causes of poverty-driven crimes.

REVIEW PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIME TRENDS

Review public safety and crime trends, including data listed on the Seattle Police Department dashboards, including the Crime Dashboard, Computer-Aided Dispatch Dashboard, Arrest Dashboard, Crisis Contacts Dashboard and Bias Crimes Dashboard.

SEATTLE POLICE OFFICERS GUILD (SPOG) NEGOTIATIONS

A Central Staff member will attend and participate as a member of the City bargaining teams in Seattle Police Officers Guild (SPOG) negotiations to help achieve new bargaining agreements that are in the best interests of the City and advance police accountability and alternative 9-1-1 response. The Select Labor Committee will have primary responsibility for this work.

SPD STAFFING, OVERTIME, FINANCES, AND SERVICE METRICS

Hold quarterly committee briefings on the responses to Statement of Legislative Intent SPD-301-A-001-2023, which requests reports that include the following:

- Staffing data including demographic data on hires and separations
- Overtime data including two years of actual and planned expenditures, and an accounting of both dollars spent and hours worked
- Financial data including three years of General Fund expenditures for: (a) salary and benefits and (b) overtime
- Performance data including 911 call response time metrics
- An update on the Work Schedule and Timekeeping project

Reports are due in February, April, and July of 2023.

USE OF TECHNOLOGY

Monitor implementation, data collection and benefits derived from the Data Analytics Platform (DAP) sustainment support project; Proactive Integrated Support Model (PrISM) project; Risk Managed Demand and Research Triangle projects; and Transfer of Force Reporting & Assessment to Mark43 (Records Management System) project. In particular, assess the benefits that these projects have for improving officer wellness and helping SPD to determine which 911 calls should receive an alternative response. Continue to monitor the City's efforts to implement a scheduling and timekeeping system that facilitates more effective record keeping of overtime and would allow for city scheduling of off-duty work, pursuant to a City Auditor recommendation made in an audit on SPD's use of overtime.

SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT - POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

ACCOUNTABILITY ORDINANCE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Monitor and provide oversight of SPD, the Community Police Commission (CPC), the Office of Inspector General for Public Safety (OIG), and the Office of Police Accountability (OPA) when providing regular reports pursuant to the Accountability Ordinance (Ord. 125315), including annual reports and annual workplans. Continue monitoring and oversight of police accountability matters and legislation implementation. Consider legislation from policy recommendations from OPA, OIG, and CPC including results from the review of 2020 complaints of misconduct resulting from 2020 protests in wake of the murder of George Floyd and any potential updates on agency reorganization/realignment with the Ordinance.

CODIFICATION OF THE ACCOUNTABILITY ORDINANCE (ORD. 125315)

Central Staff and Committee members will work with the City Code Reviser and Labor Relations to codify sections of the Accountability Ordinance that are not dependent on collective bargaining, including sections that establish the Office of Police Accountability, Inspector General for Public Safety, and Community Police Commission and which govern the appointment and reporting processes therein.

COMMUNITY POLICE COMMISSION

Consider potential changes to Ordinance 125315 proposed by the Community Police Commission (CPC) regarding the organization and structure of the CPC, to enhance the ability of the CPC to fulfill its ability to be responsive to community and provide community-based feedback to OPA and OIG.

REVIEW OF ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

Examine recommendations made by an independent consultant who will contract with the Seattle Monitor’s Office to perform a Sustainability Assessment of the City’s police accountability system. The assessment is intended to establish the extent to which the City of Seattle’s external accountability programs have optimal policies, structures, systems, processes, and human capital to adapt to community needs and sustainably deliver results. The assessment will take the form of a capacity audit and qualitative evaluation of the accountability triad, to include the OIG, the OPA, and the CPC.

SUSTAINABILITY AND RENTERS' RIGHTS COMMITTEE

KSHAMA SAWANT, CHAIR

ASHA VENKATARAMAN, CENTRAL STAFF COORDINATOR

DEPARTMENT OVERSIGHT
Sustainability and Environment; Construction and Inspections (Tenant/Landlord policy work regulations); Office for Civil Rights (Tenant/Landlord policy work regulations)
GENERAL COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS Monitor and make recommendations on appointments to the Seattle Renters Commission and the Green New Deal Oversight Board.
BUDGET AND ROUTINE LEGISLATION Oversee department budgets. Consider routine legislation.
DEPARTMENT HEAD APPOINTMENT OR REAPPOINTMENT Review qualifications of individual(s) nominated by the Mayor. Recommend confirm of appointment(s) to City Council, as appropriate.
EXTERNAL COMMITTEES Monitor and coordinate as appropriate with external committees that have subject matter overlap, including the King County Regional Water Quality Committee, the Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services, and the King County Regional Policy Committee.
RSJI Review annual department RSJI reports.
RENTERS' RIGHTS
CIVIL LEGAL AID Monitor funding and implementation of direct representation of King County Department of Public Defense's criminal defense clients in civil proceedings, particularly with respect to housing matters.
COMMUNITY-PROPOSED LEGISLATION Develop legislation to implement proposals regarding Renters' Rights that are made by the Seattle Renters Commission, community organizations, and renter activists.
CREDIT CHECKS IN RENTER HISTORIES Consider legislation banning the use of credit checks in tenant screening reports.
EVICTION BY DEFAULT Consider legislation to protect renters from default judgments against them entered in eviction proceedings.

EXISTING PROTECTIONS

Monitor the implementation and enforcement of renter's rights ordinances. Consider legislation strengthening the enforcement of renters' rights ordinances and housing codes in rental housing properties.

LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR EVICTION PROCEEDINGS

Monitor funding and implementation of funding to the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections to contract with the Housing Justice Project and other legal providers to provide legal representation to renters facing eviction.

RENT CONTROL

Consider rent control legislation in Seattle and monitor statewide efforts to repeal the Washington State prohibition on rent control (RCW 35.21.830).

RENTAL REGISTRATION AND INSPECTIONS

Consider legislation expanding data collected under the rental registration and inspections ordinance (RRIO).

SMALL LANDLORDS

Review the SDCI work program and related legislation in response to 2022 SLI-SDCI-601-A-002 and consider policy changes to support small and struggling landlords while assuring those changes do not erode the rights of renters.

STANDARD TERMS IN RENTAL AGREEMENTS

Review required reports related to 2021 SLI-SDCI-006-A-003 regarding a draft of standard terms appropriate for all residential leases. Develop legislation requiring standard terms in residential leases.

TENANT SCREENING

Review required reports related to 2021 SLI-SDCI-005-A-003 regarding a proposed design for an administrative structure and an estimate of associated costs for the City to maintain transferable rental history background check reports. Develop legislation to require that landlords use portable tenant screening reports.

TENANTS' RIGHTS TRAINING

Explore community tenant rights training and outreach efforts.

NO FAULT EVICTIONS

Explore how to increase the time a property owner or their family must occupy a residence in order for it to qualify as a reason for a no-fault eviction of a tenant.

LATE FEES

Consider legislation limiting the amount of late fees to be charged for late payment of rent.

ALIGNING STATE PROTECTIONS

Consider legislation to align City landlord tenant regulations with State regulations.

SUSTAINABILITY - CLIMATE ACTION, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AND GREEN NEW DEAL
<p>BUILDING DECARBONIZATION Consider legislation and monitor efforts to decarbonize existing buildings, including the establishment of Building Emissions Performance Standards.</p>
<p>CLIMATE ACTION PLAN Monitor and review the City's progress on implementing the Seattle Climate Action Plan. Monitor development and implementation of the Climate Impact Assessment Toolkit for major capital projects and purchasing decisions.</p>
<p>CLIMATE RESILIENCE HUBS Monitor development of the City's climate resilience hub plan and investments in community-identified resilience hubs.</p>
<p>COMMUNITY-PROPOSED LEGISLATION Develop legislation to implement proposals regarding the Green New Deal that are made by the Green New Deal Oversight Board, community organizations, and activists.</p>
<p>DIVESTMENT FROM FOSSIL FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE Consider legislation empowering the Green New Deal Oversight Board to rate insurance companies and financial institutions bidding on City contracts based on those companies ties to fossil fuel infrastructure projects.</p>
<p>GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWERS Monitor implementation of City department actions related to Resolution 32064 that established a goal of phasing out the use of gas-powered leaf blowers for the City and its contractors by January 2025, with the ultimate goal of phasing out the use of all gas-powered leaf blowers in Seattle by January 2027.</p>
<p>GREEN JOBS Explore legislation to fund a Green Jobs program building infrastructure to transition society away from the use of fossil fuels by increasing the payroll expense tax.</p>
<p>IMPLEMENTATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER Monitor implementation of Executive Order 2020-01 (Advancing a Green New Deal for Seattle), Executive Order 2021-09 (Driving Accelerated Climate Action), and Executive Order 2022-07 (One Seattle Climate Justice Actions to Reduce Emissions from the Transportation Sector), including actions to eliminate the use of fossil fuels in municipal buildings and affordable housing projects, and reduce transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions.</p>
<p>INDIGENOUS-LED SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS Monitor investments in Indigenous-led sustainability projects, such as the Duwamish Longhouse, Licton Springs, sites for religious ceremonies, and projects focused on energy and food sovereignty.</p>
<p>CLEAN HEAT Monitor implementation of programs and activities related to the Clean Heat program, which supports conversion of oil-heated homes to electric heat pumps.</p>
<p>TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION Monitor and consider legislation supporting transportation electrification.</p>

DUWAMISH ACTION PLAN

Monitor and review the City's progress on implementing the Duwamish Action Plan.

EQUITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Monitor and review the City's progress on implementing the Equity and the Environment Agenda, including the Environmental Justice Fund.

SUSTAINABILITY - HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS

FOOD ACTION PLAN

Review update to the Food Action Plan and consider associated legislation.

HEALTHY FOODS INITIATIVE

Monitor and review the City's progress on expansion of the Fresh Bucks program to address those in the "food security gap."

TRANSPORTATION AND SEATTLE PUBLIC UTILITIES

ALEX PEDERSEN, CHAIR

CALVIN CHOW, CENTRAL STAFF COORDINATOR

DEPARTMENT OVERSIGHT
Seattle Public Utilities; Transportation
GENERAL COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS Monitor and make recommendations on appointments to SPU Customer Review Panel, the Levy to Move Seattle Oversight Committee, the Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board, the Seattle Freight Advisory Board, the Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board, the Seattle Transit Advisory Board, the Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee, and other boards and committees as needed. Consider ways to improve coordination and efficiencies with the transportation advisory and oversight bodies to foster a holistic approach to transportation and mobility.
BUDGET AND ROUTINE LEGISLATION Oversee department budget and voter-approved measures (including the Move Seattle Levy and the Seattle Transit Measure). Consider routine legislation, including street-use term permits and street vacation petitions.
DEPARTMENT HEAD APPOINTMENTS As needed, review qualifications of individual(s) nominated by the Mayor and recommend to the City Council whether to confirm such appointments.
EXTERNAL COMMITTEES Monitor and coordinate as appropriate with external committees that have subject matter overlap, including the King County Regional Transit Committee, the Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board, the SeaShore Transportation Forum, the King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee, the King County Regional Water Quality Committee, the Water Resource Inventory Area 7, and Water Resource Inventory Area 8.
RACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE (RSJI) Review departmental RSJI reports.
REGULAR REPORTING REQUIREMENTS Review required reports related to constituent issue tracking and response (SLI SDOT-301-B-001-2023), cost of historic street name signs (SLI SDOT-302-A-001-2023), City and State parking rate policy (SLI SDOT-303-A-001-2023), expansion of traffic camera enforcement (SLI SDOT 304-A-001-2023), Downtown Seattle mobility needs (SLI SDOT 306-A-001-2023), Thomas Street Redesigned implementation (SLI SDOT 307-A-001-2023) and the Ballard-Interbay Regional Transportation System (SLI SDOT 607-A-001-2023), and Lake Washington sockeye salmon transport (SLI SPU-313-A-001-2023). Review other reports as directed to the committee.

SPU - DRAINAGE AND WASTEWATER

DRAINAGE AND WASTEWATER ISSUES

Address Drainage and Wastewater issues, including: combined sewer overflow program, stormwater code updates, green stormwater infrastructure, capital program implementation (including the Ship Canal Water Quality project), grant requests and acceptance, land transactions, state and federal stormwater requirements, rates and rate design proposals, bond sales, regional wastewater management/governance proposals, and wastewater system plan updates. Ensure solutions are being pursued for communities impacted by recurring flooding (e.g., South Park).

SUPERFUND

Continue to monitor efforts to assess and manage potential liabilities and clean-up activities at several sites in the city, including the Duwamish River, East Waterway, and Gas Works Park.

SPU - SOLID WASTE

CLEAN CITY PROGRAMS

Review and monitor the implementation of the Clean City suite of programs, including: Encampment Trash (Purple Bags), Graffiti Control, Litter Abatement, Public Hygiene, Recreational Vehicle (RV) Wastewater, RV Remediation, and Sharps Collection.

SOLID WASTE ISSUES

Address Solid Waste issues, including: contract renewals, capital improvement implementation, land transactions, rates and rates design proposals, and the Solid Waste Management Plan update.

SPU - WATER

WATER ISSUES

Address Water issues, including: regional water management relations, rates and rate design proposals, easements, grant agreements, water system plan updates, Cedar River Habitat Conservation Plan implementation, bond sales, watershed management, and sale of surplus property.

SPU-WIDE, REGIONAL, AND OTHER ISSUES

SPU-WIDE ISSUES

Address SPU-wide issues, including audits, Strategic Business Plan implementation, public opinion surveys, SPU implementation of race and social justice programs, grants/loans, efficiency of SPU customer service, and practices for customers who get behind in their bills.

SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES

Evaluate the implementation of system development charges, including the development of a formal policy proposal to update water connection charge calculations and establish new sewer and drainage connection charges.

TRANSPORTATION - CAPITAL PROJECT OVERSIGHT

BRIDGE PROGRAM

Monitor SDOT’s implementation of recommendations from the September 2020 City Auditor’s report on bridge maintenance. Review SDOT spend plan for additional funding approved by Council in November 2022 for the 2023 calendar year and solutions to bridges recently experiencing mechanical problems (e.g., West Seattle Spokane Street / low swing bridge) and/or characterized as being in “poor” condition (e.g., the University Bridge).

DELIVERY OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Monitor SDOT’s delivery of projects in the Pedestrian, Bicycle, Freight, and Transit Master Plans, as well as maintenance, repair, and replacement of key infrastructure such as City-owned bridges and the Northlake retaining wall. Review evaluation methodologies and metrics, including before and after monitoring of outcomes, such as impacts to small neighborhood businesses. Monitor appropriate prioritization of projects and foster holistic approach to transportation networks, such as emphasizing preference to move the most people in the most environmentally friendly ways. Facilitate potential expansion of City’s “Street Ends” program to provide additional pedestrian access to our waterways.

FAUNTLEROY FERRY TERMINAL PROJECT

Monitor planning by Washington State Ferries of the Fautleroy Ferry Terminal Project.

FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Monitor opportunities to leverage external transportation grants and funding, including the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the Washington State transportation budget, and other granting opportunities as they arise.

STREETCAR OVERSIGHT

Monitor operations of the First Hill and South Lake Union streetcar lines. Review SDOT's proposal(s) for whether to construct and operate a “Center City” Streetcar, if applicable.

WEST SEATTLE BRIDGE

Review final costs and project close out of the West Seattle Bridge repair (high bridge reopened in September 2022) and the Reconnecting West Seattle traffic mitigation program. Monitor progress of repair of the Spokane Swing Bridge.

TRANSPORTATION - POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

EMERGING TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Monitor emerging technological changes and cultural shifts with implications for the City's transportation network. Potential issues include encouraging vehicle electrification, monitoring performance of private bike and scooter sharing companies, addressing the potential impacts of autonomous vehicles, and expanding the use of automated camera enforcement including to address drag racing.

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Monitor development of the Seattle Transportation Plan (including consideration of Council priorities established in SLI SDOT-305-B-001-2023) as well as the Puget Sound Regional Council’s regional transportation plan. Explore opportunities to facilitate a holistic approach to transportation network planning.

SEATTLE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT OVERSIGHT

Monitor SDOT's management of Seattle Transit Measure funding

VISION ZERO AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Review SDOT proposals for improving Vision Zero safety program results. Review safety data collection procedures and after-action follow-up. Review Sidewalk Maintenance Repair Program audit.

TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FROM IMPACT FEES

Consider transportation projects that would benefit from imposing transportation impact fees as permitted by State law.

SDOT RIGHT-OF-WAY TREE MAINTENANCE AND PLANTINGS

Consider ways to improve SDOT's maintenance of existing trees and planting of new trees along SDOT's public right-of-way.

PHASE OUT OF SDOT GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWERS

Provide oversight of phase-out of SDOT gas-powered leaf blowers to implement [Resolution 32064](#) as SDOT is the department with the second highest number of gasoline-fueled leaf blowers in city government.

TRANSPORTATION - REGIONAL PROJECTS**SOUND TRANSIT LIGHT RAIL**

Monitor Sound Transit's environmental review and development of the preferred alignment for the West Seattle and Ballard light rail extension projects, including impacts in and adjacent to communities along the alignment (e.g., West Seattle, Delridge, SODO, Chinatown/International District, Downtown Seattle, South Lake Union, Seattle Center, Interbay, and Ballard).

SR-520 OVERSIGHT

Review agreements related to the Washington State Department of Transportation's SR -520 project. Monitor final design and construction activities related to the Montlake Lid, Portage Bay Bridge, Delmar Lid, and Montlake Cut crossing.

UTILITIES - AFFORDABILITY**LOW INCOME ASSISTANCE**

Monitor the City's progress on enrolling eligible customers in low-income assistance utility programs and recommend changes as appropriate. Consider opportunities for assistance programs to reach more customers, including automatic enrollment through other social services programs and housing projects subsidized by the City.

RATE PATH SAVINGS

Consider cost savings to slow the growth in utility rates over time. Potentially develop an audit scope with City Auditor related to cost savings.