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Dear City Employees:

Today, I'm submitting my 2022 budget proposal to City Council, which focuses on addressing the shared crises our city has faced together in recent years. Each department will be sharing more details about their budget with you, and tonight at 5 pm, the address will be live on KING 5 and the Seattle Channel: <http://www.seattlechannel.org/eventLive>.

As we all know, these past 19 months have been extremely difficult. As a city, we were able to work together on unprecedented challenges including a once in a lifetime pandemic. Because of our collective actions, and immediate responses – Seattle leads the nation in our pandemic response and the actions of our city employees and community have saved thousands of lives. We proudly have the lowest cases, hospitalizations, and deaths of any major American cities, while maintaining the highest vaccination rates.

Every step of the way, our frontline workers and first responders have continued to deliver essential city services, and this budget allows the city to meet our obligations for public safety, infrastructure, and important programs for our residents and businesses.

While COVID-19 is an ongoing crisis, new federal funding is allowing us to build back better and address the crises of housing, homelessness, and climate change in new ways. In this budget, we are expanding our investments in housing and small businesses while sustaining last year's investments to address the disparities caused by years of disinvestment in communities of color.

There is a lot of work ahead of us, but I know this workforce will lead the way in the coming year to help Seattle recover more equitably than ever before.

I look forward to the budget process in the coming weeks, and I am deeply grateful for the hard work of the City of Seattle employees. Thank you for your hard work, time, and commitment to the city's more equitable future.

Sincerely,

Jenny