



# CITY OF SEATTLE

## City Council

### Agenda - Revised

Monday, March 30, 2020

2:00 PM

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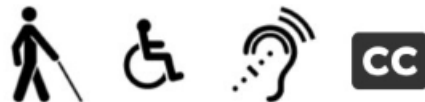
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#### A. CALL TO ORDER

#### B. ROLL CALL

#### C. PRESENTATIONS

#### D. APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

[Min 272](#) March 16, 2020

**Attachments:** [Minutes](#)

[Min 273](#) March 19, 2020

**Attachments:** [Minutes](#)

[Min 274](#) March 23, 2020

**Attachments:** [Minutes](#)

#### E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR

*Introduction and referral to Council committees of Council Bills (CB), Resolutions (Res), Appointments (Appt), and Clerk Files (CF) for committee recommendation.*

[IRC 248](#)

March 30, 2020

**Attachments:** [Introduction and Referral Calendar](#)

## F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

## G. PAYMENT OF BILLS

*These are the only Bills which the City Charter allows to be introduced and passed at the same meeting.*

[CB 119765](#)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims for the week of March 16, 2020 through March 20, 2020 and ordering the payment thereof.

## H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Discussion and vote on Council Bills (CB), Resolutions (Res), Appointments (Appt), and Clerk Files (CF).*

### **CITY COUNCIL:**

1. [CB 119763](#) AN ORDINANCE related to City finances; creating a fund for depositing donations, gifts, and grants related to The City of Seattle's response to the COVID-19 pandemic; creating a Budget Summary Level; amending Ordinance 126000, which adopted the 2020 Budget; changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget; declaring an emergency; and establishing an immediate effective date; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

**Supporting Documents:**

[Summary and Fiscal Note](#)[Central Staff Memo](#)[Proposed Amendment 1 v2](#)[Proposed Amendment 2](#)[Proposed Amendment 3 v2](#)

2. [CB 119764](#) AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 126000, which adopted the 2020 Budget; changing appropriations to the Executive Department's Office of Sustainability and Environment, the Department of Neighborhoods, the Department of Education and Early Learning, Seattle Parks and Recreation, and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget, for the purpose of providing food support to individuals in Seattle; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

**Supporting Documents:**

[Summary and Fiscal Note](#)  
[Central Staff Memo](#)  
[Memo Att 1 - Amendment 1 to CB 119764](#)  
[Proposed Amendment 2](#)  
[Office of Sustainability Memo to Board](#)  
[Board Letter to City Budget Office](#)  
[City Budget Office Response to Board](#)

3. [Res 31939](#) A RESOLUTION in support of the bid by The City of Seattle to host the National League of Cities 2025 City Summit conference.

**Supporting Documents:**

[Summary and Fiscal Note](#)

## I. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

4. [Res 31940](#) A RESOLUTION calling on Governor Inslee to impose an immediate moratorium on rent payments and urging the Governor to call on federal legislators and the Trump administration to impose an immediate moratorium on rent and mortgage payments; and calling on federal legislators and the Trump administration to impose an immediate moratorium on rent and mortgage payments.

**Supporting Documents:**

[Summary and Fiscal Note](#)

5. [Res 31942](#) A RESOLUTION adding the West Seattle Bridge emergency closure and repairs to the Watch List of capital projects for enhanced quarterly monitoring established in Resolution 31931.

**Supporting  
Documents:**

[Summary and Fiscal Note](#)

[Proposed Amendment 1](#)

**J. OTHER BUSINESS**

**K. ADJOURNMENT**



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March 16, 2020

# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

600 Fourth Ave. 2nd Floor  
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## Journal of the Proceedings of the Seattle City Council

Monday, March 16, 2020

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*Kshama Sawant, Member*

*Dan Strauss, Member*

Chair Info: 206-684-8809; [Lorena.González@seattle.gov](mailto:Lorena.González@seattle.gov)

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council of The City of Seattle met in the Council Chamber in City Hall in Seattle, Washington, on March 16, 2020, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m., with Council President Pro Tem Teresa Mosqueda presiding.

By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Councilmembers to participate and vote at today's City Council meeting by phone, and to not include a Public Comment period.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**The following Councilmembers were present and participating by phone:**

**Present:** 7 - Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

**Excused:** 1 - González

**Late Arrival:** 1 - Juarez

*Councilmember Juarez joined the phone line at 2:09 p.m.*

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

A Presentation on the current Civil Emergency on COVID-19 was provided by Mike Fong, Sr. Deputy Mayor; Ben Noble, Director of City Budget Office; and Laurel Nelson, Acting Director of Office of Emergency Management.

**D. APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

[Min 267](#)

**February 18, 2020**

**Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the proposed Minutes by the following vote, and the President signed the Minutes:**

**In Favor:** 8 - Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

**Opposed:** None



[Min 268](#)      **February 24, 2020**

**Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the proposed Minutes by the following vote, and the President signed the Minutes:**

**In Favor:** 8 - Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

[Min 269](#)      **March 2, 2020**

**Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the proposed Minutes by the following vote, and the President signed the Minutes:**

**In Favor:** 8 - Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

**E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR**

[IRC 245](#)

**March 16, 2020**

ACTION 1:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt the proposed Introduction and Referral Calendar.

ACTION 2:

By unanimous consent, Council Rule III.A.6., relating to circulation of a Resolution for adoption by 5:00 p.m. on the preceding business day, was suspended to allow consideration of a Resolution for introduction and adoption.

ACTION 3:

Motion was made by Councilmember Mosqueda, duly seconded and carried, to amend the proposed Introduction and Referral Calendar by introducing Resolution 31938, and by referring it to the City Council for adoption at today's meeting.

Resolution 31938, A RESOLUTION modifying the March 14, 2020 emergency order relating to residential evictions.

ACTION 4:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt the proposed Introduction and Referral Calendar as amended.

**The Motion carried, and the Introduction & Referral Calendar (IRC) was adopted as amended by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 8 - Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

**F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the proposed Agenda.

**G. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

[CB 119755](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims for the week of March 2, 2020 through March 6, 2020 and ordering the payment thereof.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119755.

**The Motion carried, the Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Bill:**

**In Favor:** 8 - Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

**H. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CITY COUNCIL:**

1. [CB 119754](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to employment in Seattle; amending Sections 14.16.010 and 14.16.030 of the Seattle Municipal Code to strengthen and clarify labor standards requirements for paid sick and paid safe time for employees working in Seattle; declaring an emergency; and establishing an immediate effective date; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.**

ACTION 1:

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119754.

ACTION 2

Motion was made by Councilmember Herbold, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 119754, as shown in Attachment 1 to the Minutes.

ACTION 3

Motion was made by Councilmember Pedersen, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 119754, Section 1, by adding a new subsection 1.I, as shown in the underlined language below:

I. In addition to the importance of addressing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to families that paid sick and paid safe time be available also when schools and places of care are closed in the future.

ACTION 4:

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119754 as amended.

**The Motion carried, the Council Bill (CB) was passed as amended by the following vote, and the President signed the Bill:**

**In Favor:** 8 - Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

**TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE:**

2. [Res 31932](#) **A RESOLUTION relating to the City Light Department; acknowledging and approving City Light’s adoption of a biennial energy conservation target for 2020-2021 and ten-year conservation potential.**

**The Committee recommends that City Council adopt as amended the Resolution (Res).**

**In Favor: 4 - Pedersen, Strauss, Herbold, Morales**

**Opposed: None**

**The Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution:**

**In Favor: 8 - Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss**

**Opposed: None**

**I. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS**

3. [Res 31938](#) **A RESOLUTION modifying the March 14, 2020 emergency order relating to residential evictions.**

ACTION 1:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31938.

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Herbold, duly seconded and carried, to amend Resolution 31938, Exhibit B, Section 1.B, first sentence, as shown in the underlined language below:

Residential or commercial landlord shall not initiate an unlawful detainer action, issue a notice of termination, or otherwise act on any termination notice, including any action or notice related to a rental agreement that has expired or will expire during the effective date of this Emergency Order, unless the unlawful detainer action or action on a termination notice is due to actions by the tenant constituting an imminent threat to the health or safety of neighbors, the landlord, or the tenant's or landlord's household members.

ACTION 3:

By unanimous consent, the City Council meeting recessed until 4:22 p.m.

The City Council meeting came back to order at 4:22 p.m.

ACTION 4:

Motion was made by Councilmember Mosqueda, duly seconded and carried, to hold Resolution 31938, until after the Executive Session.

**When the City Council meeting came back to order at 4:22 p.m., the following Councilmembers present by phone:**

**Present:** 7 - Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

**Excused:** 1 - González

**Late Arrival:** 1 - Morales

**K. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 4:28 p.m., the City Council moved into a 90-minute Executive Session regarding Pending, Potential, or Actual Litigation and Labor Negotiations.

*Councilmember Morales rejoined the phone line.*

The Executive Session concluded at 5:39 p.m., and the City Council meeting was at ease until 6:00 p.m.

**The City Council meeting was called back to order at 6:04 p.m., with the following Councilmembers present by phone:**

**Present:** 8 - Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

**Excused:** 1 - González

**I. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS**

3. [Res 31938](#) **A RESOLUTION modifying the March 14, 2020 emergency order relating to residential evictions.**

ACTION 5:

Motion was made by Councilmember Lewis, duly seconded and carried, to amend Resolution 31938, Exhibit B, by substituting version 3 for version 2.

ACTION 6:

Motion was made by Councilmember Mosqueda, duly seconded and carried, to amend Resolution 31938, Section 2.B, as shown in the underlined language below:

B. Issuing orders or taking other actions to provide rent relief, including deferred payment of rent, requiring payment plans, and other strategies to assist small businesses and nonprofit organizations who are unable to pay rent or pay their employees due to economic disruptions caused by COVID-19.

ACTION 7:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31938 as amended.

**The Motion carried, the Resolution (Res) was adopted as amended by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution:**

**In Favor:** 8 - Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

**J. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.



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**Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk**

**Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on March 30, 2020.**

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**M. Lorena González, Council President of the City Council**

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**Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk**

**Attachment:**

**Att 1 - Action 2 of CB 119754**

Att 1 – Action 2 of CB 119754

On page 3, after line 12, amend the following Section as shown below:

Section 1. The City Council (“Council”) makes the following legislative findings of fact and declarations:

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H. The impacts of the emerging public health crisis on the operation of businesses, schools, and places of care in the City are multifaceted and nuanced and are not easily defined or predictable. These impacts may result in reduced operations or closures. Expanding the use of paid sick and paid safe time to include situations when an employee’s place of business reduces operations or is closed, or when an employee’s family member’s school or place of care is closed, is necessary as an additional step to protect public health and to support the stabilization of an employee’s income while the COVID-19 emergency exists and in the future.

On page 5, after line 6, amend the following Section as shown below:

**14.16.010 Definitions**

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2. For purposes of determining eligibility for “paid safe time” for absences that qualify for leave under subsection ~~14.16.030.A.2.e((.))~~; 14.16.030.A.2.d:

On page 7, after line 2, amend the following Section as shown below:

**14.16.030 Use of paid sick and paid safe time**

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2. Paid safe time shall be provided to an employee by an employer. An employee is authorized to use paid safe time for the following reasons:

a. When the employee's place of business has been closed by order of a public official, for any health-related reason, to limit exposure to an infectious agent, biological toxin, or hazardous material;

b. When the employee's place of business for a Tier 3 employer has reduced operations or closed for any health- or safety-related reason;

c. When the employee's (~~child's~~) family member's school or place of care has been closed (~~by order of a public official, for any health-related reason, to limit exposure to an infectious agent, biological toxin, or hazardous material~~); and

~~(e-)~~ d. For any of the following reasons related to domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, as set out in RCW 49.76.030:

1) To enable the employee to seek legal or law enforcement assistance or remedies to ensure the health and safety of the employee or the employee's family or household members including, but not limited to, preparing for, or participating in, any civil or criminal legal proceeding related to or derived from domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking;

2) To enable the employee to seek treatment by a health care provider for physical or mental injuries caused by domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or to attend to health care treatment for a victim who is the employee's family or household member;

3) To enable the employee to obtain, or assist a family or household member in obtaining, services from a domestic violence shelter, rape crisis center, or other social services program for relief from domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking;

4) To enable the employee to obtain, or assist a family or household member in obtaining, mental health counseling related to an incident of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, in which the employee or the employee's family or household member was a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking; or

5) To enable the employee to participate in safety planning, temporarily or permanently relocate, or take other actions to increase the safety of the employee or employee's family or household members from future domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

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F. For use of paid safe time of more than three consecutive days for a reason set out in subsection 14.16.030.A.2, an employer may require reasonable verification that the employee's use of paid safe time is for an authorized purpose covered by subsection 14.16.030.A.2. If an employer requires reasonable verification, such verification must be provided to the employer within a reasonable time period during or after the leave. An employer's requirements for reasonable verification may not result in an unreasonable burden or expense on the employee and may not exceed privacy or verification requirements otherwise established by law.

1. An employer may require that requests under subsections 14.16.030.A.2.a ~~and 14.16.030.A.2.b~~ through 14.16.030.A.2.c be supported by verification of a ~~closure order or notice of reduced operations or closure~~ closure order or notice of reduced operations or closure ((~~by a public official of the employee's place of business, or employee's child's school or place of care,~~)) and the employee may satisfy this verification

request by providing ((notice of)) the ~~closure order or notice~~, or a copy of the notice, in whatever format the employee received ~~the order or notice~~ it.

2. An employer may require that requests under subsection ~~14.16.030.A.2.e~~ 14.16.030.A.2.d be supported by verification that the employee or employee's family or household member is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and that the leave taken was for one of the purposes covered by subsection ~~14.16.030.A.2.e~~ 14.16.030.A.2.d. An employee may satisfy this verification requirement by one or more of the following methods:

- a. An employee's written statement that the employee or the employee's family or household member is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking and that the leave taken was for one of the purposes of subsection ~~14.16.030.A.2.e~~ 14.16.030.A.2.d;
- b. A police report indicating that the employee or employee's family or household member was a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking;
- c. A court order protecting or separating the employee or employee's family or household member from the perpetrator of the act of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or other evidence from the court or the prosecuting attorney that the employee or employee's family or household member appeared, or is scheduled to appear, in court in connection with an incident of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking; or
- d. Documentation that the employee or the employee's family or household member is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, from any of the following persons from whom the employee or employee's family or household member sought assistance in addressing the domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking: an

advocate for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking; an attorney; a member of the clergy; or a medical or other professional. The provision of documentation under this Section 14.16.030 does not waive or diminish the confidential or privileged nature of communications between a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking with one or more of the individuals named in this subsection 14.16.030.F.2.d.

Renumber sections and correct any internal references accordingly.



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March 19, 2020

# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Thursday, March 19, 2020

2:00 PM

Special Meeting - The Council may participate remotely

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**City Council**

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*Tammy J. Morales, Member*

*Teresa Mosqueda, Member*

*Alex Pedersen, Member*

*Kshama Sawant, Member*

*Dan Strauss, Member*

Chair Info: 206-684-8809; [Lorena.González@seattle.gov](mailto:Lorena.González@seattle.gov)



**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council of The City of Seattle met in Special Session in the Council Chamber in City Hall in Seattle, Washington, on March 19, 2020, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m., with Council President González presiding.

By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Councilmembers to participate and vote at today's City Council meeting by phone and to not include a Public Comment period.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**The following Councilmembers were present and participating by phone:**

**Present:** 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

**C. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR**

[IRC 246](#)      **March 19, 2020**

**Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the proposed Introduction and Referral Calendar (IRC) by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

**D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the proposed Agenda.

Council President González requested a moment of silence in remembrance of the loss of life and everyone impacted by COVID-19.

**E. COMMITTEE REPORTS****CITY COUNCIL:**

1. [CB 119757](#) **AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 126000, which adopted the 2020 Budget; changing appropriations to the Human Services Department, the Executive Department's Office of Economic Development, and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget, for the purpose of providing financial assistance to small businesses; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

ACTION 1:

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119757.

ACTION 2:

By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Yolanda Ho, Amy Gore, and Aly Pennucci, Council Central Staff, to address the Council.

ACTION 3:

Motion was made by Councilmember Morales, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 119757, by adding a new Section 3, and renumbering the remaining section accordingly, as shown in the underlined language below:

Section 3. The Council requests that the Office of Economic Development (OED) prioritize racial equity as OED develops a process to award grants from the Small Business Stabilization Fund. Additionally, the Council requests that OED provide a report regarding the distribution of grants from the Small Business Stabilization Fund to the Chair of the Community Economic Development Committee by July 31, 2020. The report should include, but not be limited to: the total number of applicants and, of those applicants, the number that were eligible; the number of eligible applicants and total grant award amounts by City Council district; the number of applications received from and total grant amounts awarded to business owners with limited English proficiency; a description of OED's outreach efforts to businesses owned by immigrants and refugees, including any translated materials; and a description of the process OED used to determine which businesses received grant awards.

ACTION 4:

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119757 as amended.

**The Motion carried, the Council Bill (CB) was passed as amended by the following vote, and the President signed the Bill:**

**In Favor:** 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

2. [CB 119758](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the City Light and Seattle Public Utilities Departments; temporarily removing the charge of interest on delinquent utility consumption and utilization accounts; superseding several sections under Title 21 that authorize and require the collection of interest on delinquent utility consumption and utilization accounts; declaring an emergency; and establishing an immediate effective date; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.**

ACTION 1:

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119758.

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Pedersen, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 119758, by substituting version 2 for version 1.

ACTION 3:

By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Eric McConaghy and Brian Goodnight, Council Central Staff, to address the Council.

ACTION 4:

Motion was made by Councilmember Lewis, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 119758, by amending Section 2, as shown in the underlined language below:

Section 2. No new interest charges shall be added to utility consumption and utilization accounts for residential customers, customers that are non-profit organizations as defined under Seattle Municipal Code subsection 5.30.040.C, or commercial customers with taxable gross annual receipts of less than \$5 million in 2019 on bills issued from the time this ordinance takes effect until the earlier of:

A. Termination of the civil emergency proclaimed by the Mayor on March 3, 2020; or

B. August 1, 2020.

ACTION 4:

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119758 as amended.

**The Motion carried, the Council Bill (CB) was passed as amended by the following vote, and the President signed the Bill:**

**In Favor:** 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

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**Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk**

**Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on March 30, 2020.**

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**M. Lorena González, Council President of the City Council**

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**Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk**



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March 23, 2020

# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

600 Fourth Ave. 2nd Floor  
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## Journal of the Proceedings of the Seattle City Council

Monday, March 23, 2020

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*Dan Strauss, Member*

Chair Info: 206-684-8809; [Lorena.González@seattle.gov](mailto:Lorena.González@seattle.gov)

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council of The City of Seattle met in the Council Chamber in City Hall in Seattle, Washington, on March 23, 2020, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., with Council President González presiding.

By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Councilmembers to participate and vote at City Council meetings by electronic means through March 31, 2020, and to not include a Public Comment period at meetings where the Council is participating through electronic means.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**The following Councilmembers were present and participating by phone:**

**Present:** 8 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

**Late Arrival:** 1 - Lewis

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

There were none.

*Councilmember Lewis joined the phone line.*

**D. APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

[Min 270](#)

**March 5, 2020**

**Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the proposed Minutes by the following vote, and the President signed the Minutes:**

**In Favor:** 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

**Opposed:** None



[Min 271](#)      **March 9, 2020**

**Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the proposed Minutes by the following vote, and the President signed the Minutes:**

**In Favor:** 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

**E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR**

[IRC 247](#)      **March 23, 2020**

**Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the proposed Introduction and Referral Calendar (IRC) by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

**F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the Agenda.

**G. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

[CB 119759](#)      **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims for the week of March 9, 2020 through March 13, 2020 and ordering the payment thereof.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119759.

**The Motion carried, the Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Bill:**

**In Favor:** 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

**H. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CITY COUNCIL:**

1. [CB 119760](#) **AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 126000, which adopted the 2020 Budget; changing appropriations to the Executive Department’s Office of Housing, the Executive Department’s Office of Economic Development, and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget, for the purpose of providing financial assistance to small businesses; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

**ACTION 1:**

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119760.

**ACTION 2:**

Motion was made by Councilmember Sawant to hold Council Bill 119760 until March 30, 2020.

The Motion was not considered due to the lack of a second.

**ACTION 3:**

The Motion in Action 1 was restated.

**The Motion carried, the Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Bill:**

**In Favor:** 8 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Strauss

**Opposed:** 1 - Sawant

*Councilmember Strauss left the phone line at 2:30 p.m.*

2. [Appt 01559](#) **Appointment of Scott Bachler as member, Community Police Commission, for a term to December 31, 2022.**

ACTION 1:

Motion was made and duly seconded to confirm Appointment 01559.

The Motion carried, and the Appointment was confirmed by the following vote:

In favor: 8 - Gonazález, Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant

Opposed: 0

Absent: 1 - Strauss

*Councilmember Strauss rejoined the phone line at 2:33 p.m.*

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember González, duly seconded and carried, to reconsider the vote confirming Appointment 01559.

ACTION 3:

Motion was made and duly seconded to confirm Appointment 01559.

**The Motion carried, and the Appointment (Appt) was confirmed by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

3. [Appt 01572](#) **Appointment of Wilford Hairston as member, Seattle Public Library Board of Trustees, for a term to April 1, 2023.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to confirm Appointment 01572.

**The Motion carried, and the Appointment (Appt) was confirmed by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

4. [Appt 01573](#) **Appointment of Carmen A. Bendixen as member, Seattle Public Library Board of Trustees, for a term to April 1, 2025.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to confirm Appointment 01573.

**The Motion carried, and the Appointment (Appt) was confirmed by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

**I. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS**

There were none.

**J. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

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**Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk**

**Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on March 30, 2020.**

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**M. Lorena González, Council President of the City Council**

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**Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk**



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## Introduction and Referral Calendar

List of proposed Council Bills (CB), Resolutions (Res), Appointments (Appt) and Clerk Files (CF) to be introduced and referred to a City Council committee

Record No.	Title	Committee Referral
<b><u>By: Mosqueda</u></b>		
1. <a href="#">CB 119765</a>	AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims for the week of March 16, 2020 through March 20, 2020 and ordering the payment thereof.	City Council
<b><u>By: Herbold</u></b>		
2. <a href="#">CB 119766</a>	AN ORDINANCE relating to commercial tenancies; temporarily restricting increases in commercial rents; authorizing repayment of late rent in installments for small businesses and nonprofits; declaring an emergency; and establishing an immediate effective date; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.	City Council
<b><u>By: Morales</u></b>		
3. <a href="#">Res 31940</a>	A RESOLUTION calling on Governor Inslee to impose an immediate moratorium on rent payments and urging the Governor to call on federal legislators and the Trump administration to impose an immediate moratorium on rent and mortgage payments; and calling on federal legislators and the Trump administration to impose an immediate moratorium on rent and mortgage payments.	City Council for Introduction and Adoption
<b><u>By: Lewis</u></b>		
4. <a href="#">Res 31941</a>	A RESOLUTION establishing a committee to develop recommendations to enhance the capacity of the Office of City Auditor to conduct performance audits.	City Council
<b><u>By: Herbold, Pedersen</u></b>		
5. <a href="#">Res 31942</a>	A RESOLUTION adding the West Seattle Bridge emergency closure and repairs to the Watch List of capital projects for enhanced quarterly monitoring established in Resolution 31931.	City Council for Introduction and Adoption



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**CITY OF SEATTLE**

**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**

**COUNCIL BILL \_\_\_\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims for the week of March 16, 2020 through March 20, 2020 and ordering the payment thereof.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Payment of the sum of \$19,260,640.10 on PeopleSoft 9.2 mechanical warrants numbered 4100323574 - 4100325717 plus manual or cancellation issues for claims, E-Payables of \$133,298.69 on PeopleSoft 9.2 9100005869 - 9100005930 and Electronic Financial Transactions (EFT) in the amount of \$23,277,044.66 are presented for ratification by the City Council per RCW 42.24.180.

Section 2. Payment of the sum of \$51,342,490.72 on City General Salary Fund mechanical warrants numbered 51331976- 51332588 plus manual warrants, agencies warrants, and direct deposits numbered 130001 - 132727 representing Gross Payrolls for payroll ending date March 17, 2020 as detailed in the Payroll Summary Report for claims against the City which were audited by the Auditing Committee and reported by said committee to the City Council March 26, 2020 consistent with appropriations heretofore made for such purpose from the appropriate Funds, is hereby approved.

Section 3. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken prior to its effective date is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by



Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the 30th day of March 2020, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 30th of March 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

Approved by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Filed by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)



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CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL BILL \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE related to City finances; creating a fund for depositing donations, gifts, and grants related to The City of Seattle’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic; creating a Budget Summary Level; amending Ordinance 126000, which adopted the 2020 Budget; changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget; declaring an emergency; and establishing an immediate effective date; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

WHEREAS, Article I, § 1 of the City Charter states that The City of Seattle may accept “gifts and donations of all kinds...and do all acts necessary to carry out the purposes” of the gifts and donations”; and

WHEREAS, Seattle Municipal Code subsection 10.02.030.A contemplates that, during a proclaimed civil emergency, the Mayor may accept “gifts, grants, or loans,” with the Council considering “appropriate legislation” relating to the acceptance; and

WHEREAS, given the scope of emergency proclaimed by the Mayor on March 3, 2020, as well as Seattle Municipal Code subsection 10.02.030.A’s requirements, creating a fund to administer gifts the Mayor accepts during a proclaimed civil emergency is an efficient way to use gifts accepted by the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2020, Mayor Durkan proclaimed the existence of a civil emergency in the City of Seattle due to confirmed cases and deaths from COVID-19 in the Seattle area; and

WHEREAS, in response to COVID-19, the Governor of Washington has closed or limited operations of many businesses and encouraged social distancing as a means of mitigating the pandemic in the City of Seattle; and

WHEREAS, these actions are appropriate and vital for public health reasons, but have severe impacts on small businesses, workers and people who live in Seattle; and

WHEREAS, many philanthropic and corporate partners generously wish to donate resources to assist people and businesses in need; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to establish a City Fund to accept, track, and distribute these contributions; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The City Council (“Council”) makes the following legislative findings of fact and declarations:

A. In the exercise of The City of Seattle’s police powers, the City is granted authority to pass regulations designed to protect and promote public peace, health, safety, welfare, and prosperity.

B. On January 24, 2020, the Seattle Office of Emergency Management announced that the first reported case in Washington and in the United States of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) occurred in Snohomish County.

C. On February 28, 2020, Public Health - Seattle and King County announced the first King County and United States death due to COVID-19 at Evergreen Hospital in Kirkland, Washington.

D. On February 29, 2020, Washington Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency in response to new cases of COVID-19, directing state agencies to use all resources necessary to prepare for and respond to the outbreak.

E. On March 3, 2020, Mayor Jenny Durkan issued a proclamation of civil emergency in response to new cases of COVID-19, authorizing the Mayor to exercise the emergency powers necessary for the protection of the public peace, safety, and welfare.

F. On March 11, 2020, Washington Governor Jay Inslee amended his emergency order to prohibit gatherings of 250 people or more for social, spiritual and recreational activities including, but not limited to, community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based, or sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; conventions; fundraisers; and similar activities.

G. On March 12, 2020, Washington Governor Jay Inslee announced that all schools in King,

Snohomish, and Pierce Counties will close through April 24, 2020.

H. On March 12, 2020, Public Health - Seattle and King County confirmed 270 cases of COVID-19, including 27 deaths, in King County.

I. In light of COVID-19 spreading person-to-person and particularly between people who are in close contact with one another, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recommended that: those who are mildly ill self-isolate by staying home, avoiding public areas, and avoiding transportation; sensitive populations avoid people who are sick; and everyone practice self-distancing.

J. Public Health - Seattle and King County has recommended that people at higher risk of severe illness stay home and away from large groups of people as much as possible. People at higher risk include people: over 60 years of age; with underlying health conditions, including heart disease, lung disease, or diabetes; with weakened immune systems; and who are pregnant.

K. Public Health - Seattle and King County has recommended that employers take steps to make it more feasible for their employees to work in ways that minimize close contact with large numbers of people, including maximizing telecommuting options and maximizing flexibility in sick leave benefits for those who are ill or at high risk.

L. To alleviate the economic disruption from following appropriate measures during the emergency, it is anticipated that gifts or donations might be made to the City, and the Mayor may under Seattle Municipal Code subsection 10.02.030.A to accept them without requiring Council approval at the time of acceptance.

M. Legislation establishing a system to accept gifts or donations during a proclaimed civil emergency through a fund and appropriations gives the City needed flexibility to disburse those funds in situations like the current emergency when time is of the essence.

N. Immediate implementation of this ordinance is necessary for maximum efficacy of funding distribution and alleviating economic disruption to the city, its residents, and its businesses.

Section 2. A new COVID-19 Donation Fund is created in the City Treasury effective immediately, to

which revenues may be deposited, and from which associated expenditures may be paid including, but not limited to, City administration costs for the purposes described in Section 3 of this ordinance.

Section 3. The purpose of the COVID-19 Donation Fund is to address impacts of the COVID-19 civil emergency in the City of Seattle by providing resources to external organizations and individuals. Permissible uses include:

- Food assistance for persons in need
- Financial assistance to small businesses
- Assistance with child care costs
- Loan guarantees for small businesses or individuals
- Rent assistance for small businesses or individuals
- Operating assistance to cultural and non profit organizations

Section 4. The new COVID-19 Donation Fund shall receive revenues in the form of donations, gifts, or grants from organizations, corporations, businesses, or people who wish to assist the City of Seattle in its recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Fund shall receive earnings on its positive balances and pay interest on its negative balances.

Section 5. The Director of the Department of Finance and Administrative Services shall have responsibility for administering the COVID-19 Donation Fund. The Director of Finance is authorized to create other accounts and subaccounts as may be needed to implement the Fund's purpose and intent as established by this ordinance.

Section 6. A new Budget Summary Level is created for purposes of distributing donations, gifts and grants accepted by the City into the COVID-19 Donation Fund. The purpose of the COVID-19 Donation Budget Summary Level is to provide resources for addressing impacts of the COVID-19 civil emergency in the City of Seattle.

Section 7. The Mayor or the Mayor’s designee has the authority to accept donations to the COVID-19 Donation Fund without receiving the approval of the City Council in order to expedite the emergency response. All donations to and appropriations from the Fund will be tracked and published quarterly so long as there are active donations to or appropriations from it. The quarterly reports shall be submitted by the City Budget Office to the Mayor and City Council no later than 60 days from the end of the quarter.

Section 8. In order to pay for necessary costs and expenses incurred or to be incurred in 2020, but for which insufficient appropriations were made due to causes that could not reasonably have been foreseen at the time of making the 2020 Budget, contingent appropriations for the following items in the 2020 Budget are increased from the funds shown, as follows:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Budget Summary Level/BCL Code</b>	<b>Amount</b>
8.1	Finance General	COVID-19 Donation Fund	COVID-19 Donation	\$30,000,000

The appropriation authority contained in this section increases in direct proportion to and is contingent on receipt of donations, grants, or gifts by the City.

Section 9. Based on the findings of fact set forth in Section 1 of this ordinance, the Council finds and declares that this ordinance is a public emergency ordinance, which shall take effect immediately and is necessary for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare.

Section 10. By reason of the findings set out in Section 1, and the emergency that is hereby declared to exist, this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage by a 3/4 vote of the Council and its approval by the Mayor, as provided by Article 4, subsection 1.1 of the Charter of the City.

Passed by a 3/4 vote of all the members of the City Council the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

Approved by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Filed by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

## SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE\*

<b>Department:</b>	<b>Dept. Contact/Phone:</b>	<b>CBO Contact/Phone:</b>
CBO	Adam Schaefer/4-8358	Ben Noble/4-8160

*\* Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

### **1. BILL SUMMARY**

#### **Legislation Title:**

AN ORDINANCE related to City finances; creating a fund for depositing donations, gifts, and grants related to The City of Seattle’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic; creating a Budget Summary Level; changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget; declaring an emergency; and establishing an immediate effective date; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

#### **Summary and background of the Legislation:**

On March 3, 2020, Mayor Durkan proclaimed the existence of a civil emergency in the City of Seattle due to confirmed cases and deaths from COVID-19 in the Seattle area. The Governor of Washington has closed or limited operations of many businesses and encouraged social distancing as a means of mitigating the pandemic in the City of Seattle. These actions are appropriate and vital for public health reasons, but have severe impacts on small businesses, workers, and people who live in Seattle.

In response to this COVID-19 outbreak and its economic effects, many philanthropic and corporate partners generously wish to donate resources to assist people and businesses in need. Article I, § 1 of the City Charter states that The City of Seattle may accept “gifts and donations of all kinds...and do all acts necessary to carry out the purposes” of the gifts and donations”. Seattle Municipal Code subsection 10.02.030.A contemplates that, during a proclaimed civil emergency, the Mayor may accept “gifts, grants, or loans,” with the Council considering “appropriate legislation” relating to the acceptance.

This legislation:

- 1) Creates a new Fund in the City Treasury for the receipt of gifts, donations and grants to the City to assist in recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, specifically for:
  - Food assistance for persons in need
  - Financial assistance to small businesses
  - Assistance with child care costs
  - Loan guarantees for small businesses or individuals
  - Rent assistance for small businesses or individuals
  - Operating assistance to cultural and non profit organizations
  
- 2) Creates a new Budget Summary Level to allow City departments to spend from the new Fund for the purposes of assisting in recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic;



- 3) Gives the Executive authority to accept gifts, donations, and grants consistent with the purpose of the Fund without approval by the City Council so as to move the assistance forward in a timely manner;
- 4) Gives appropriation to Finance General, contingent on the receipt of donations, grants, or gifts, so as to quickly deploy this resource;
- 5) Finds that the legislation is necessary to go into immediate effect as is necessary for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare.

**2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? \_\_\_ Yes X No

**3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? X Yes \_\_\_ No

Appropriation change (\$):	General Fund \$		Other \$	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
			\$30,000,000	
Estimated revenue change (\$):	Revenue to General Fund		Revenue to Other Funds	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
			\$30,000,000	
Positions affected:	No. of Positions		Total FTE Change	
	2020	2021	2020	2021

**Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?**

The generous donations of businesses, non-profit organizations, philanthropic organizations and individuals will allow the City to recover more quickly from the COVID-19 emergency than it would otherwise.

**Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?**

This legislation establishes a donation fund to facilitate efficient acceptance and use of private donations for the sake of addressing the COVID-19 emergency. If this legislation is not implemented, there may be fewer resources available to mitigate impacts of the epidemic and improve the near- and long-term well-being of the residents of the City of Seattle and surrounding area.

**3.a. Appropriations**

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes appropriations.

Fund Name and number	Dept	Budget Control Level Name/#*	2020 Appropriation Change	2021 Estimated Appropriation Change
COVID-19 Donation Fund	Finance General	COVID-19 Donation	\$30,000,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$30,000,000</b>	

\*See budget book to obtain the appropriate Budget Control Level for your department.

**Is this change one-time or ongoing?**

One-time, contingent on receiving gifts, donations, or grants.

**3.b. Revenues/Reimbursements**

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes revenues or reimbursements.

**Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from this Legislation:**

Fund Name and Number	Dept	Revenue Source	2020 Revenue	2021 Estimated Revenue
COVID-19 Donation Fund	Finance General	Gifts, donations, and grants	\$30,000,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$30,000,000</b>	

**Is this change one-time or ongoing?**

One-time

**3.c. Positions**

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes positions.

**4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

**a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**

Yes. This legislation will support COVID-19 relief efforts by various City departments.

**b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**

No.

**c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?**

No.

**d. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**

No.

**e. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**

No.

**f. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?**

Vulnerable and historically disadvantaged communities will be the most heavily impacted by both the health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 epidemic. Facilitating private donations to mitigate these impacts brings resources to bear that might otherwise stay on the sidelines. These resources can be targeted to vulnerable and disadvantaged communities.

**g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s).**

N/A

**List attachments/exhibits below:**

March 26, 2020

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Members of the City Council  
**From:** Tom Mikesell, Analyst  
**Subject:** C.B.119763 – COVID-19 Donation Fund Ordinance

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On March 30, 2020 the City Council will discuss and possibly vote on [Council Bill 119763](#), proposed legislation transmitted by the City Budget Office (CBO) and sponsored by Council President González. This memorandum summarizes the proposed bill and identifies policy and fiscal issues, as well as options for Council’s consideration.

### Background

On March 3, 2020 the Mayor proclaimed a civil emergency related to the local impacts of the global COVID-19 pandemic. [Article I, Section 1](#) of The City Charter states that the City of Seattle “may receive bequests, devices, gifts and donations of all kinds within and without the City for its own use and benefit, or in trust for charitable or other public purposes, and do all acts necessary to carry out the purposes of such gifts, bequests, devices and donations.”

Further, [Seattle Municipal Code Subsection 10.02.030](#) states the Mayor’s emergency powers “...shall be exercised in the light of the exigencies of the situation without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by ordinance (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements), including, but not limited to...the appropriation and expenditures of public funds; provided, that the Mayor shall, wherever practical, advise and consult with the City Council with respect to disaster response activities...”

In the context of the civil emergency, C.B. 119763 creates a fiscal structure to expedite the receipt and use of donated private funds for prescribed emergent needs. Specifically, the bill would:

- Create the *COVID-19 Donation Fund* (Fund);
- Define the revenues to the Fund as “donations, gifts, or grants from organizations, corporations, businesses, or people who wish to assist the City during the COVID-19 pandemic.” (The Fund would also receive accrued interest on its balances.)
- Define the allowable uses of the Fund’s resources, including:
  - Food assistance for persons in need;
  - Financial assistance to small businesses;
  - Assistance with childcare costs;
  - Loan guarantees for small business or individuals;
  - Rent assistance for small businesses of individuals; and,
  - Operating assistance to cultural and nonprofit organizations.

- Authorize spending up to \$30 million from the Fund. These funds would be placed in Finance General, a line in the budget reserved for spending that is not specific to any single departments; and,
- Establish that the appropriation authority is contingent on receipt of outside gifts, grants, and donations, and allow the size of the appropriation to increase proportionally with the amount of such revenue that is received.

As drafted, the new Fund would not account for public grants or reimbursements from federal, state or county programs. These sources will continue to be considered through the regular acceptance and appropriation process described below. CBO anticipates that departments will negotiate agreements for public benefits to use COVID-19 Donation Fund monies. Upon City approval, the monies would be transferred to private recipients (out of Finance General). In other words, the monies would come from the newly created fund, not from individual department appropriations.

### **Current Grant Acceptance Practice**

The City has an existing process for the receipt and expenditure of external funds. Under current practice, the City Council reviews legislation that authorizes departments to accept gifts, grants and donations from third parties. These 'grant acceptance ordinances' identify the source of the funds, the amount, and the specific intended purpose of the funds. Council evaluates the proposed revenue with regards to the source of funding, restrictions on use, performance requirements, and matching considerations. Based on its evaluation, Council has the option to pass (or not pass) the legislation to authorize the executive departments to accept the funds.

If a grant acceptance is authorized as detailed above, the new revenues are then added to the City budget through supplemental appropriation legislation which is considered in tandem with the grant acceptance ordinance.

There is no restriction on the number of times this can occur during the year. While in recent years the full process described has occurred three times, in the summer, fall, and winter, there are also instances of standalone grant acceptances, the most recent of which is [C.B. 119743](#), which authorized the Seattle Department of Transportation to accept and spend \$3.3 million from Sound Transit for capital project purposes.

### **Issue Identification**

Central Staff has identified the following policy issues and alternatives for Council consideration.

## **1. Reduced City Council Oversight of Private Donations**

Beyond the initial approval of this bill, the City Council would have no further oversight role in accepting and spending gifts, grants and donations from private organizations for COVID-19 public benefit assistance. The bill adds \$30 million in appropriation authority and allows the total appropriation amount to scale higher contingent on the acceptance of amounts greater than the original \$30 million appropriation. This is an intentional departure from current practice with the intended goal of expediting the flow of unrestricted private funds to communities in need during the civil emergency. The following alternatives are available for Council consideration.

### **Options:**

#### **A. Remove the appropriation authority from the bill.**

This would have the effect of creating the fund but still allow for normal Council oversight of the acceptance and use of private donations. However, this change would add additional time and delay the receipt and expenditure of funds; and this change could discourage donations from private parties that do not see a benefit to engaging in a deliberative process during this emergency. The Executive would oppose this option.

#### **B. Revise the Appropriation Authority and Remove Contingent Authority**

The \$30 million appropriation in the bill was developed with limited specificity as to pending donations. A lower appropriation amount, accompanied with removing the contingent authorization, could apply a lower limit on the approval provided in the bill. Additional deliberative process would be required if private donations exceed the lower appropriation amount, increasing the potential delay between donation and use of funds. The Executive would oppose this option.

#### **C. Require weekly reports from the Executive on current and pending donations to the fund and their intended uses.**

This would require weekly reporting on sources and uses of private donations to be incorporated in the weekly COVID-19 emergency response report to Council requested in [Resolution 31937](#), which modified the Mayor's Emergency Proclamation. This additional reporting would provide information for Council oversight while preserving the expedient process intended by the bill. The Executive would support this option.

#### **D. No Change.**

## 2. Defined Uses Either Too Restrictive or Too Expansive

The bill establishes a framework that can persist during the civil emergency without further Council action. To do so, in Section 3 it defines the set of public assistance purposes that can reasonably be expected to draw from the private donations. These purposes are listed in the background section above. The Executive indicates the listed uses (as noted below) were developed based on community input and that “the needs” have been reported in Council.

### Allowable uses:

- Food assistance for persons in need
- Financial assistance to small businesses
- Assistance with child care costs
- Loan guarantees for small businesses or individuals
- Rent assistance for small businesses or individuals
- Operating assistance to cultural and non- profit organizations

According to CBO, the list was crafted to cover the full array of possible needs, while not being overly expansive considering the Executive’s request for Council approval of a predetermined spending amount. It is possible the bill leaves out other community needs, or conversely includes spending that Council may prefer to manage through the normal grant acceptance process.

### **Options:**

#### **A. Expand List of Permissible Uses**

New permissible uses added in Section 3 of the bill would expand the universe of civil emergency-related acceptance and spending of private funds that would not require further Council action and limit Council’s oversight role.

#### **B. Restrict List of Permissible Uses**

Any permissible uses removed from the list proscribed in Section 3 would default to the normal grant acceptance and appropriation process.

#### **C. No Change.**

cc: Kirstan Arestad, Executive Director  
Dan Eder, Deputy Director

Amendment 1 to CB 119763

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**Amendment 1 to CB 119763: COVID-19 Donation Fund**

Sponsor: Councilmember Mosqueda

Meeting: City Council

Date: March 30, 2020

Description:

This would amend CB 119763 to require weekly reports from the Mayor on the sources and uses of monies deposited and spent from the COVID-19 Donation Fund, which is created by CB 119763.

Notes:

Double underlines indicate new language to be added.

~~Double strikethroughs indicate~~ language proposed to be removed.

**Amendments**

1. Add a new Section 10 to Council Bill 119763, as follows, and renumber subsequent sections:

Section 10. The Council requests that the Mayor provide a weekly report on the sources and uses of funds deposited in the COVID-19 Donation Fund created by Section 2 of this ordinance. The report shall include, at a minimum, information on the names of private donors, restrictions or covenants applied to the City's use of donated funds, information on City planning and outreach processes for the use of funds, and information about residents and businesses receiving distributions from the fund. The weekly report may be combined with information provided in the weekly reports requested in Resolution 31937.



Amendment 2 to CB 119763

v1

**Amendment 2 to CB 119763: COVID-19 Donation Fund**

Sponsor: Councilmember Mosqueda

Meeting: City Council

Date: March 30, 2020

Description:

This would amend CB 119763 to add emergency housing and homelessness supports as permissible uses COVID-19 Donation Fund, which is created by CB 119763.

Notes:

Double underlines indicate new language to be added.

~~Double strikethroughs indicate~~ language proposed to be removed.

**Amendment**

1. Amend new Section 3 of Council Bill 119763, as follows:

Section 3. The purpose of the COVID-19 Donation Fund is to address impacts of the COVID-19 civil emergency in the City of Seattle by providing resources to external organizations and individuals.

Permissible uses include:

- Food assistance for persons in need
- Financial assistance to small businesses
- Assistance with child care costs
- Loan guarantees for small businesses or individuals
- Rent assistance for small businesses or individuals
- Operating assistance to cultural and non profit organizations
- Emergency housing and homelessness supports

Amendment 3 to Amendment 1 to CB 119763

v2

**Amendment 3: Amendment to Amendment 1 to CB 119763 - COVID-19 Donation Fund**

Sponsor: Councilmember Herbold

Meeting: City Council

Date: March 30, 2020

Description:

This would amend amendment 1 to CB 119763 to -19 Donation Fund, which is created by CB 119763. This amendment adds additional parameters to the weekly reports requested in Amendment 1.

Notes:

Double underlines indicate new language to be added.

~~Double strikethroughs indicate~~ language proposed to be removed.

**Amendments**

1. Amend Section 10 to Council Bill 119763, as added by Amendment 1 as follows, and renumber subsequent sections:

Section 10. The Council requests that the Mayor provide a weekly report on the sources and uses of funds deposited in the COVID-19 Donation Fund created by Section 2 of this ordinance. The report shall include, at a minimum, information on the names of private donors, restrictions or covenants applied to the City's use of donated funds, information on City planning and outreach processes for the use of funds, the categories of use as described in Section 3, permissible uses, and information about residents and businesses receiving distributions from the fund. The weekly report may be combined with information provided in the weekly reports requested in Resolution 31937.



Legislation Text

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**File #:** CB 119764, **Version:** 1

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**CITY OF SEATTLE**

**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**

**COUNCIL BILL \_\_\_\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 126000, which adopted the 2020 Budget; changing appropriations to the Executive Department’s Office of Sustainability and Environment, the Department of Neighborhoods, the Department of Education and Early Learning, Seattle Parks and Recreation, and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget, for the purpose of providing food support to individuals in Seattle; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2020, Mayor Durkan proclaimed the existence of a civil emergency in the City of Seattle due to confirmed cases and deaths from COVID-19 in the Seattle area; and

WHEREAS, in response to COVID-19, the Governor of Washington has closed or limited operations of many businesses in the City of Seattle; and

WHEREAS, these actions are appropriate for public health reasons, but have severe economic impacts on families and individuals in Seattle; and

WHEREAS, these impacts are being felt most strongly by people with low income or food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, a number of City departments have convened meetings with partners to strategize immediate interventions for vulnerable and food insecure populations; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 125324, passed on June 5, 2017, imposed a tax on engaging in the business of distributing sweetened beverages (“Sweetened Beverage Tax”), with specific direction on how the proceeds generated should be expended; and

WHEREAS, services funded by the proceeds of the Sweetened Beverage Tax are intended to expand access to healthy and affordable food; close the food security gap; promote healthy nutrition choices; reduce

disparities in social, developmental, and education readiness and learning for children; assist high school graduates to enter college; and expand services for the birth-to-five population and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to redirect some Sweetened Beverage Tax resources to increase food access for the people of Seattle; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. To effectuate Ordinance 125886, which creates a separate fund for Sweetened Beverage Tax revenues, the appropriations for the following items in the 2020 Budget are modified as follows:

Item	Fund	Department	Budget Summary Level	Amount
1.1	General Fund (00100)	Department of Education and Early Learning	Early Learning (BO-EE-IL100)	(\$2,680,185)
	Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund (00155)	Department of Education and Early Learning	Early Learning (BO-EE-IL100)	\$2,680,185
1.2	General Fund (00100)	Department of Education and Early Learning	Post-Secondary Programs (BO-EE-IL300)	(\$3,420,871)
	Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund (00155)	Department of Education and Early Learning	Post-Secondary Programs (BO-EE-IL300)	\$3,420,871
1.3	General Fund (00100)	Executive (Office of Sustainability & Environment)	Office of Sustainability & Environment (BO-SE-X1000)	(\$204,931)
	Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund (00155)	Executive (Office of Sustainability & Environment)	Office of Sustainability & Environment (BO-SE-X1000)	\$204,931
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$0</b>

Section 2. To support the appropriations moves made in Section 1 of this ordinance, and to move 2019 Sweetened Beverage Tax revenues into the Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund, cash is transferred as shown in the

following table:

Item	Fund	Amount Transferred
2.1	General Fund (00100)	\$13,660,398 transferred out
	Sweetened Beverage Tax (00155)	\$13,660,398 transferred in

Section 3. In order to pay for necessary costs and expenses incurred or to be incurred in 2019, but for which insufficient appropriations were made due to causes that could not reasonably have been foreseen at the time of making the 2020 Budget, appropriations for the following items in the 2020 Budget are increased from the funds shown, as follows:

Item	Fund	Department	Budget Summary Level	Amount
3.1	Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund (00155)	Seattle Parks & Recreation	Cost Center M&R (BO-PR-10000)	(\$265,115)
	Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund (00155)	Seattle Parks & Recreation	Recreation Facility Programs (BO-PR-50000)	(\$147,604)
	Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund (00155)	Department of Neighborhoods	Community Building (BO-DN-I3300)	(\$3,225,000)
3.2	Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund (00155)	Executive (Office of Sustainability & Environment)	Office of Sustainability and Environment (BO-SE-X1000)	\$5,000,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$1,362,281</b>

Section 4. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken prior to its effective date is ratified and confirmed.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by

Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by a 3/4 vote of all the members of the City Council the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

Approved by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Filed by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

**SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE\***

<b>Department:</b>	<b>Dept. Contact/Phone:</b>	<b>CBO Contact/Phone:</b>
City Budget Office	Ben Noble/4-8160	Adam Schaefer/4-8358

*\* Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

**1. BILL SUMMARY**

**Legislation Title:** AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 126000, which adopted the 2020 Budget; changing appropriations to the Executive Department’s Office of Sustainability and Environment, the Department of Neighborhoods, the Department of Education and Early Learning, Seattle Parks and Recreation, and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget, for the purpose of providing food support to individuals in Seattle; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

**Summary and background of the Legislation:**

Section 1: Transfers 2020 Appropriations of Sweetened Beverage Tax (SBT) revenues from General Fund to the Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund. The City Council created the Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund, effective January 1, 2020, through Ordinance 125886. Section 1 is administrative and simply transfers the 2020 appropriations of SBT revenues into the SBT Fund for tracking, per Council’s intent.

Section 2. Transfers the SBT proceeds (cash) from General Fund into the SBT Fund.

Section 3. Amends the 2020 Adopted Budget by transferring Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund appropriations from the Department of Neighborhoods and Seattle Parks and Recreation to the Executive Department’s Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE), and by adding additional appropriation to OSE. These appropriations (\$5,000,000) will provide food vouchers to low-income individuals and families in Seattle that are facing food insecurity due to the response to COVID-19. This funding is available by redirecting available Sweetened Beverage Tax proceeds and reprogramming unspent 2019 Sweetened Beverage Tax funds. Service levels will not be impacted.

**2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ X No

**3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? \_\_\_ X Yes \_\_\_ No

Appropriation change (\$):	General Fund \$		Other \$	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
			\$1,362,281	

Estimated revenue change (\$):	Revenue to General Fund		Revenue to Other Funds	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
Positions affected:	No. of Positions		Total FTE Change	
	2020	2021	2020	2021

**Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?**

No.

**Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?**

This legislation is designed to support people experiencing food insecurity during a time of economic uncertainty. Without this legislation these people would not receive expanded support.

**3.a. Appropriations**

X This legislation adds, changes, or deletes appropriations.

Fund Name and number	Dept	Budget Control Level Name/#*	2020 Appropriation Change	2021 Estimated Appropriation Change
General Fund (00100)	DEEL	Early Learning (BO-EE-IL100)	(\$2,680,185)	
Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund (00155)	DEEL	Early Learning (BO-EE-IL100)	\$2,680,185	
General Fund (00100)	DEEL	Post-Secondary Programs (BO-EE-IL300)	(\$3,420,871)	
Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund (00155)	DEEL	Post-Secondary Programs (BO-EE-IL300)	\$3,420,871	
General Fund (00100)	Executive (OSE)	Office of Sustainability & Environment (BO-SE-X1000)	(\$204,931)	
Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund (00155)	Executive (OSE)	Office of Sustainability & Environment (BO-SE-X1000)	\$204,931	
Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund (00155)	SPR	Cost Center M&R (BO-PR-10000)	(\$265,115)	\$0



Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund (00155)	SPR	Recreation Facility Programs (BO-PR-50000)	(\$147,604)	\$0
Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund (00155)	DON	Community Building (BO-DN-I3300)	(\$3,225,000)	\$0
Sweetened Beverage Tax Fund (00155)	Executive (OSE)	Office of Sustainability & Environment (BO-SE-X1000)	\$3,637,719	\$0
General Fund (00100)	Executive (OSE)	Office of Sustainability & Environment (BO-SE-X1000)	\$5,000,000	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1,362,281</b>	<b>\$0</b>

\*See budget book to obtain the appropriate Budget Control Level for your department.

**Is this change one-time or ongoing?**

One time.

**3.b. Revenues/Reimbursements**

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes revenues or reimbursements.

**3.c. Positions**

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes positions.

**4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

**a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**

This legislation impacts the budgets of the Executive Department's Office of Sustainability and Environment, Seattle Parks & Recreation, Department of Education and Early Learning and the Department of Neighborhoods.

**b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**

No.

**c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?**

No.

**d. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**

No.

**e. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**

No.

**f. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?**

The Grocery Assistance Vouchers will be distributed to 6,250 eligible families who are currently enrolled in City-supported child care programs and food assistance programs. Many of the Seattle residents receiving Grocery Assistance Vouchers are from communities that are disproportionately impacted by food insecurity, even before the impacts of COVID-19. These include many households from communities of color. We are actively seeking philanthropic support to scale up our response to serve even more vulnerable residents who could benefit from this assistance.

**g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s).**

The goal of this program is to provide immediate, short-term support to families who are struggling to put food on the table under the unique and difficult economic situation posed by the COVID-19 crisis. This legislation will allocated budget for the program.

**List attachments/exhibits below:**

March 24, 2020

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** City Council  
**From:** Yolanda Ho, Analyst  
**Subject:** Council Bill 119764 – Grocery Voucher Program

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### Overview

On Monday, March 30, 2020, the City Council (Council) will consider and may vote on [Council Bill \(CB\) 119764](#), which would create a new \$5 million grocery voucher program in the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) to support low-income families facing food insecurity because of the response to COVID-19.

This memorandum describes: (1) the new grocery voucher program; (2) CB 119764; (3) impacts of this legislation; (4) an amendment to CB 119764; and (5) next steps.

### Grocery Voucher Program

OSE's new emergency grocery voucher program will be funded by \$5 million in one-time Sweetened Beverage Tax (SBT) revenues. The program will provide 6,250 low-income families with \$800 in vouchers to purchase food, cleaning supplies, and other household goods at any Safeway store in Washington state. Vouchers may not be used for tobacco, alcohol, lottery tickets, or fuel.

This program will support Seattle residents already enrolled in the City's [Child Care Assistance Program \(CCAP\)](#), [Seattle Preschool Program \(SPP\)](#), the state-funded [Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program \(ECEAP\)](#), the federally-funded [Child Care Nutrition Program \(CCNP\)](#), and the City's [Fresh Bucks Program](#). Of those selected to receive the new vouchers, 4,000 households currently receive Fresh Bucks through the City's community outreach partners (e.g., Got Green, Horn of Africa Services, and United Indians of All Tribes Foundation). The remaining 2,250 vouchers will go to families receiving free tuition with SPP or participating in CCAP, ECEAP, or CCNP. Vouchers will be distributed by mail in two \$400 installments. The first installment of vouchers was mailed on Friday, March 20, and the second installment will be mailed in April.

Additionally, OSE is actively seeking funding from philanthropic organizations to support more residents in need. Their goal is to raise \$15 million, allowing the City to distribute vouchers to another 19,000 households. OSE is in the process of determining funding priorities for these anticipated funds.

## CB 119764

CB 119764 would add \$5 million in one-time SBT funds to OSE by reducing appropriations to Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) and the Department of Neighborhoods (DON), and drawing down the \$2 million SBT Fund reserve. The SBT Fund was established on January 1, 2020, by [Ordinance 125886](#), adopted by Council in July 2019. Table 1 provides the amounts and a brief description of the SBT proceeds in the 2020 Adopted Budget that are proposed to be redirected to the new grocery vouchers.

Table 1. One-time SBT funds to be reallocated to grocery vouchers

Department	Description	Amount
SPR	Water bottle filling stations at community centers	\$265,115
SPR	Summer youth program expansion	\$147,604
DON	Healthy Food Fund	\$2,500,000
DON	P-Patch capital improvements	\$725,000
	SBT Fund reserve	\$1,362,281
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>

CB 119764 would leave \$637,719 in the SBT Fund reserve and would also allow the following administrative transfers from the General Fund to the SBT Fund:

1. SBT revenue appropriations in the 2020 Adopted Budget in the Department of Education and Early Learning and OSE encumbered by existing contracts; and
2. SBT proceeds (cash).

Additionally, the legislation includes a provision allowing OSE to distribute the funds prior to its effective date.

## Impacts of CB 119764

CB 119764 would redirect all \$3.2 million in SBT proceeds in DON's 2020 Adopted Budget to the new grocery voucher program. The use of SBT proceeds for the Healthy Food Fund and P-Patches in DON is new in 2020. The Healthy Food Fund, funded by ongoing SBT revenues and intended to provide "grants to community-based organizations and programs; and support for one-time investments in infrastructure to increase the capacity of schools and community-based meal programs,"<sup>1</sup> has not been established, so shifting these funds to OSE will not impact ongoing program operations, though it will eliminate this potential funding source for community-led projects.

The one-time allocation of SBT proceeds to support P-Patches will limit the program's ability to invest in capital improvements. SPR generally spends up to \$200,000 a year of Metropolitan

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<sup>1</sup> Seattle Department of Neighborhood's 2020 Adopted Budget, <https://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/FinanceDepartment/20adoptedbudget/DON.pdf>

Parks District funds to improve P-Patches. This enables the program to maintain and enhance up to five out of the 89 P-Patches a year. In 2019, no P-Patch improvements were funded. As part of the 2020 Adopted Budget, the Council passed [SLI DON-4-A-2](#), requesting that DON report on long-term funding opportunities to preserve and enhance P-Patches, due on September 1, 2020.

Given the uncertainty around recreational programming due to the COVID-19 response, SPR is reevaluating the planned expansion of two summer youth programs (Destination Summer Camps and Summer of Safety). Should these programs be allowed to resume this summer, SPR will determine which programs it will be able to operate. One-time funding to install water bottle filling stations at community centers was added last year by the Council ([Council Budget Action OSE-2-D-1](#)). This funding will be completely eliminated. Should Council identify this work as a priority going forward, additional resources would be needed to backfill the work. SPR will continue to receive \$150,000 ongoing SBT support for youth recreation scholarships.

### **Amendment**

Currently, there is one amendment for consideration.

Amendment 1 (Attachment 1), sponsored by Councilmember Morales, would request that OSE prioritize supporting the following categories of Seattle residents, should additional funding for food assistance become available in the future, including but not limited to the following:

- Immigrants and refugees, regardless of immigration status, and recipients of the [State-Funded Food Assistance Program](#) (who do not qualify for federal benefits due to their immigration status);
- Individuals aged 60 years and older;
- Individuals with disabilities;
- Individuals enrolled in the City’s assistance programs, such as Fresh Bucks and the Utility Discount Program; and
- Workers dislocated due to the civil and state COVID-19 emergency.

### **Next Steps**

As with other revenue sources, the City Budget Office (CBO) is anticipating a substantial shortfall of SBT revenues due to the overall economic impacts resulting from the COVID-19 emergency. CBO’s preliminary estimate is a 21 percent drop, which would be a \$5.1 million decrease in anticipated revenues (from \$24.3 million to \$19.2 million), due to the decline in restaurant activity; however, this does not account for the most recent “stay at home” order that went into effect on Monday, March 23. The Council will have a better understanding of the impacts of the COVID-19 emergency on SBT revenues during its analysis of the Mayor’s 2021-22 Proposed Budget this fall.

**Attachment:**

1. Amendment 1 to CB 119764

cc: Kirstan Arestad, Executive Director  
Aly Pennucci, Supervising Analyst

## Amendment 1 to CB 119764: Priority Populations

Sponsor: Councilmember Morales

Meeting: City Council

Date: March 30, 2020

### Description

This would amend CB 119764 to request that the Office of Sustainability and Environment prioritize supporting the following categories of Seattle residents, should additional funding for food assistance become available in the future, including but not limited to the following:

- Immigrants and refugees, regardless of immigration status, and recipients of the [State-Funded Food Assistance Program](#) (who do not qualify for federal benefits due to their immigration status);
- Individuals aged 60 years and older;
- Individuals with disabilities;
- Individuals enrolled in the City's assistance programs, such as Fresh Bucks and the Utility Discount Program; and
- Workers dislocated due to the civil and state COVID-19 emergency.

### . Notes

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### Amendment

1. Add a new Section 5 to Council Bill 119764, as follows, and renumber subsequent sections:

Section 5. The Council requests that the Office of Sustainability and Environment prioritize supporting the following categories of Seattle residents, should the City fund additional food assistance in the future:

A. Immigrants and refugees, regardless of immigration status, and including recipients of the State-Funded Food Assistance Program;

B. Individuals aged 60 years or older;

C. Individuals with disabilities;

D. Workers dislocated due to the COVID-19 civil and state emergency; and

E. Individuals enrolled in City assistance programs, such as Fresh Bucks and the Utility Discount Program.



## **Amendment 2 to CB 119764: Retailer Options**

Sponsor: Councilmember Herbold

Meeting: City Council

Date: March 30, 2020

### **Description**

This would amend CB 119764 to request that the Office of Sustainability and Environment continue to pursue partnerships with additional retailers, with a preference for those with unionized employees, to expand retail options for households receiving emergency grocery vouchers.

### **. Notes**

Double underlines indicate new language to be added.

~~Double strikethroughs~~ indicate language proposed to be removed.

### **Amendment**

1. Add a new Section 6 to Council Bill 119764, as follows, and renumber subsequent sections:

Section 6. The Council requests that the Office of Sustainability and Environment continue to pursue partnerships with additional retailers, with a preference for those with unionized employees, for its emergency grocery voucher program so that program participants have a wider range of options for purchasing their groceries and other eligible household items.



**Date:** March 24, 2020  
**To:** Sweetened Beverage Tax Community Advisory Board (CAB)  
**From:** Jessica Finn Coven, Director, Seattle Office of Sustainability and Environment  
**Subject:** Emergency Grocery Voucher Background and Eligibility

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Thank you for your support and input on the City of Seattle's efforts to keep food on the table for families and individuals most in need during this unprecedented pandemic. The Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) appreciates the CAB's role and expertise in advising City leadership on where resources are needed to meaningfully address food insecurity and gaps in child health and development services. The City also wants to ensure that this grocery assistance and other emergency benefits are provided to people who need them most. We know that means including people impacted by systematic inequities and those vulnerable to the health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak.

The following information is provided in response to the questions raised about the grocery voucher program in your memo to the City Budget Office about Sweetened Beverage Tax revenue reprioritization. The memo provides background on the voucher program, information about households currently served, and how we plan to prioritize eligibility moving forward. Please let us know if you have any further questions or requests.

#### **Background on the Emergency Grocery Voucher Program**

On March 16, 2020, the City of Seattle announced provision of \$5 million in grocery vouchers to help families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The initial funding reached 6,250 families in need, each receiving a total of \$800 over two months that can be used to purchase any item at Safeway except for tobacco, alcohol, lottery tickets, or fuel. The City is working with the United Way of King County and other private and philanthropic partners to secure additional funding to allow expansion of this emergency benefit.

OSE leveraged the Fresh Bucks program infrastructure and relationship with Safeway to develop the grocery voucher program. While Fresh Bucks provides assistance to buy produce, the City knows people facing hardship due to COVID-19 need access to more types of food. To start off the new grocery voucher program OSE identified families already enrolled in other City programs, to receive \$800 in vouchers over two months to purchase food, cleaning supplies, and other household goods at any Safeway store in Washington state. The first round of \$400 in vouchers was mailed starting March 20, and the second round will be mailed in April.

#### **Families Served through First Enrollment**

To determine eligibility for the first enrollment into the grocery voucher program, several city departments worked together to identify those most in need who could also be enrolled quickly (OSE worked with the Department of Education and Early Learning, Human Services Department and Parks



and Recreation). Enrolling families and individuals already participating in city programs saved time since income eligibility and contact information was already available. The departments prioritized programs with closest ties to communities of color, those developed with extensive race and social justice analysis, and those providing childcare assistance. The decision to focus on childcare assistance was driven by the City’s desire to quickly identify families impacted by school and business closures. The City recognized that those closures would likely disproportionately impact those who already had difficulty affording childcare. We also began immediately working with the Mayor and offices of Labor Standards, Economic Development, Immigration and Refugee Affairs, and Civil Rights to establish a mechanism for reaching dislocated workers for a second enrollment in grocery vouchers. While the City would have liked to reach those workers directly in the first round of vouchers, we knew this would take longer because the data did not exist at the time.

Based on those parameters, the decision was made to automatically enroll families/households from the following programs. See Appendix A for demographics of the families served in each of the programs.

Program	Family/Household Eligibility
<p><b>Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program</b> ECEAP is state-funded and offers part-day and full-day preschool services for 3- and 4-year-olds from income eligible families.</p>	<p>All ECEAP families that are Seattle residents were enrolled in the grocery voucher program.</p> <p>ECEAP serves families at or below 110% of FPL with children between the ages of 3 and 5. Children from some families above the income limit are eligible if they have a developmental delay or disability or are experiencing environmental factors such as homelessness.</p>
<p><b>Child Care Assistance Program</b> CCAP provides income-eligible families in Seattle with financial assistance for childcare.</p>	<p>All enrolled families were enrolled in the grocery voucher program.</p> <p>CCAP is designed to serve families living in Seattle with income that falls between 200% and 350% of the FPL.</p>
<p><b>Seattle Preschool Program and Pathway to Seattle Preschool Program</b> The <b>Seattle Preschool program</b> provides free and affordable tuition for families to enroll children in high quality preschool with community-based organizations (CBOs) and providers across the city. <b>Pathway</b> provides half-day or full-day instruction for 3 and 4-year-olds from low income families.</p>	<p>Enrolled families below 350% of FPL were enrolled in the grocery voucher program.</p> <p>Families qualify for free tuition in these programs if they are at or below 350% of FPL.</p>



Program	Family/Household Eligibility
<p><b>Child Care Nutrition Program</b> CCNP is part of the USDA’s Child and Adult Care Food Program, which also regulates school lunch. This program ensures children have nutritious food options in childcare by providing reimbursements to eligible providers.</p>	<p>Tier 1 site providers, provider staff, and the households they serve were enrolled in the grocery voucher program.</p> <p>The following criteria qualify a site as Tier 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site location where any school has at least 50% or more of the enrolled children certified eligible for free or reduced-price meals.</li> <li>• Site location in a census block group that is deemed eligible for the program by the USDA based on the estimated household income from the American Community Survey.</li> <li>• Site provider’s income is at or below 185% of FPL.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Seattle Parks School-Age Care and Preschool Programming</b> These are before and/or afterschool programs for preschool-age children and children 5-12.</p>	<p>Families/households receiving City scholarships for these programs were enrolled in the grocery voucher program.</p> <p>Families at or below 200% FPL are eligible for scholarships.</p>
<p><b>Fresh Bucks</b> Fresh Bucks provides income eligible individuals with vouchers for fresh fruits and vegetables. People enroll through Community-Based Organization (CBO)s and health clinics, as well as a public lottery that is currently open through the end of March.</p>	<p>Households enrolled into the Fresh Bucks program between December 2019 and March 2020 by one of 11 partner community-based organizations (CBOs) were enrolled in the grocery voucher program.</p> <p>The City prioritized people who enrolled through a CBO because of the intentional outreach to communities most impacted by diet-related disease and food insecurity, specifically Black/African American, Indigenous, Hispanic/Latino, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, immigrants and refugees, and those who speak a primary language other than English.</p> <p><b>The 11 partner CBOs are:</b> Atlantic Street Center, Casa Latina, Children’s Home Society of Washington, Got Green, Horn of Africa Services, InterIm CDA, Lake City Collective, Latino Community Fund, Somali Health Board, South Park Information and Resource Center, United Indians of All Tribes Foundation.</p>

**Determining Eligibility for Additional Emergency Grocery Vouchers**

The City anticipates further funding for these vouchers will become available through private and philanthropic partners. The Mayor’s Office and OSE staff are working across departments and incorporating community recommendations to determine eligibility.



#### Eligibility for Second Enrollment

Per direction from the Mayor's Office, the next set of vouchers (when funded) will be prioritized for displaced workers. The Mayor's Office, in partnership with the Office of Labor Standards, Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, and the Office for Civil Rights, is working on a process to direct vouchers to at least 2,000 households with displaced workers who:

1. Experience structural or institutional barriers to accessing support from the government (e.g. language barrier, fear of deportation, experienced domestic violence, do not qualify for other benefits); and/or
2. Require assistance immediately and are not yet receiving other types of support (i.e. recently unemployed and not receiving benefits until claims are processed).

We are still in conversation with departments about how to distribute these vouchers equitably and in a way that respects privacy of information held by CBOs and other organizations working with these communities. Any plans developed are pending legislation currently under review by City Council.

#### Defining Eligibility for Future Grocery Voucher Enrollments

OSE is also working with departments and stakeholders to determine criteria for future recipients, should funding to support more than two rounds of vouchers become available. Currently that approach includes prioritizing people historically impacted by structural inequities, as we know that a nation-wide emergency like the COVID-19 outbreak only exacerbates those inequities. We are also prioritizing people increasingly vulnerable to the health and economic impacts of the outbreak. While defining criteria we are also considering factors such as maintaining privacy of enrollees.

The City will continue to use forthcoming information about the most impacted communities (such as the recent Community Attributes report cited in your memo) and incorporate core values and budget principles from the CAB. SBT revenue provided the initial funding for this program, and the City values the community voices and public health expertise the CAB brings to the table.

Thank you again for your partnership with the City during this trying time. We will continue to look to you for input and guidance as we develop programs that provide food to our neighbors most in need.



## Appendix A

### Demographics of Emergency Grocery Voucher Enrollees

Each City program that enrolled households into the first round of emergency grocery vouchers records demographic data slightly differently. The following tables provide the information available about demographics of grocery voucher recipients from each program. Demographic information on the enrollees from the Parks and Recreation before and after school programs is not currently available.

#### Fresh Bucks Participants

The following tables show the demographics of emergency voucher recipients who were identified through Fresh Bucks.

Race	Percent
Asian	23%
American Indian or Alaska Native	3%
Black/African American	39%
Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish	19%
Middle Eastern or North African	1%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1%
White	9%
Prefer not to answer	2%
Prefer to self-describe	4%

Preferred Language	Percent
English	46%
Spanish	16%
Chinese	14%
Amharic	6%
Tigrinya	4%
Somali	4%
Vietnamese	3%
Oromo	3%
Prefer to self-describe	2%
Khmer	1%
Arabic	1%
Russian	1%

Age Range	Percent
18-29	12%
30-39	21%
40-49	18%
50-59	13%
60-69	16%
70-79	14%
80 or older	7%



CCAP, ECEAP and Seattle Preschool Program Participants

The following tables show the demographics of emergency voucher recipients who were identified through childcare assistance programs.

Race	Percent
Black/African-American	40.1%
Hispanic/Latino	21.8%
White	13.7%
Two or more races	10.7%
Asian, Asian-American	9.7%
Unknown/other	2.5%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1.0%
Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander	0.6%

Preferred Language	Percent
English	66.2%
Spanish	13.7%
East African	12.8%
Other	4.8%
Chinese	2.8%

Child Care Nutrition Program (CCNP)

The following tables show the race/ethnicity of CCNP Tier 1 site providers and children served whose households were identified to receive emergency vouchers. CCNP does not collect information on preferred language.

Race/Ethnicity of Provider	Percent
Black or African American	42.5%
White	30%
Asian	10%
Unknown	10%
Multiple Race/Ethnicity*	7.5%

\*includes 100% of providers identified as Hispanic/Latino ethnicity as well as another race/ethnicity.

Race/Ethnicity of Children Served	Percent
White	36%
Black or African American	34%
Multiple Race/Ethnicity*	21%
Asian	4%
American Indian or Alaska Native	2%
Unknown	2%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1%

\*includes 9% of children identified as Hispanic/Latino ethnicity as well as another race/ethnicity.

# Sweetened Beverage Tax Community Advisory Board

<https://www.seattle.gov/sweetened-beverage-tax-community-advisory-board>

**Date:** March 23, 2020  
**To:** Ben Noble, Director of City Budget Office  
**From:** The Sweetened Beverage Tax Community Advisory Board  
**Subject:** SBT funds and emergency response to the coronavirus crisis  
**CC:** Councilmember Lorena González, Councilmember Lisa Herbold, Councilmember Debora Juarez, Councilmember Andrew J. Lewis, Councilmember Tammy J. Morales, Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda, Councilmember Alex Pedersen, Councilmember Kshama Sawant, Councilmember Dan Strauss

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The Sweetened Beverage Tax Community Advisory Council is writing in response to the proposed legislation to reallocate Sweetened Beverage Tax revenue to address emergency food needs and projected economic downturns caused by the coronavirus outbreak. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

First, we support the use of SBT funds to provide emergency grocery vouchers to families facing increased food insecurity due to the current crisis. We appreciate the City's quick development of this program, which is consistent with the legislative intent of the SBT to provide access to affordable food. While we are saddened to see the proposal to pull back funding from the Healthy Food Fund, P-Patch infrastructure, and water bottle filling stations, we also understand this crisis has significant economic impacts that require difficult decisions.

However, we would like additional information about the voucher program and how funding changes were decided. We also have recommendations about how the City should prioritize funds and eligibility when making further decisions in this rapidly evolving time. The CAB requests that CBO and relevant departments respond to these questions and recommendations.

## **Emergency Grocery Voucher Eligibility**

The CAB understands the need to move quickly in order to provide these benefits to people with immediate food needs. We do want to make sure that the voucher program is serving people in an equitable way. We would like to see more data, if available, about households that receive the childcare vouchers. We are looking for information that would indicate whether these vouchers are going to people most impacted by reductions in workforce and income.

As the voucher program is expanded, we ask the City to consider ways to tailor the vouchers to those most impacted by this crisis – including those in sectors experiencing the most significant reductions in workforce. A recent [report from Community Attributes](#) gives initial projections of jobs and industries most impacted in the short-term and longer term; we recommend this and other updated reports guide how the City prioritizes immediate funds and long term planning. We also request that the [CAB's budget principles](#) continue to be considered in addition to priorities specific to this crisis.

## **Proposed Reallocations of SBT Funds**

In addition to providing funding for the emergency grocery vouchers, the proposed legislation pulls back funds from the Healthy Food Fund, P-Patch infrastructure, water bottle filling stations, and summer youth programs. While the CAB is saddened to see these funds pulled back, we appreciate that no existing programs are being cut at this time. When the City moves out of this time of crisis, we will pursue refunding of these community-supported programs.

Below we have included questions to better understand why these reductions were identified as the most appropriate/necessary at this time. We also have recommendations for how to consider prioritization of funds as this crisis continues to evolve.



## QUESTIONS

1. **What other sources is the City using to fund emergency response programs/services and plan for an economic downturn?** The SBT-funded programs being pulled back in this proposal are intended for and were recommended by communities most impacted by health and education inequities. The need for relief in our community is real but should not be at the expense of, or cause additional burden to, the most vulnerable. We would like to see that the city is considering using revenue streams and possible funding reductions in other areas as well to reduce harm to the most vulnerable.
2. **How was the projected shortfall in SBT revenue calculated?** In past years, what proportion of SBT revenue has come from restaurant sales versus retail sales?
3. **Why did CBO choose to use only a portion of the reserve fund?**
4. **If the City of Seattle receives relief funds from the federal government, how will allocation of those funds be prioritized? Could a portion go towards re-funding programs CBO is proposing to pull back?**

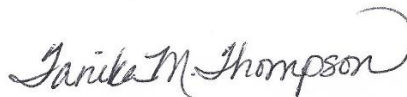
## RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Prioritize communities the SBT is intended to serve:** The CAB understands that these uncertain times may require additional reprioritization of funds. The people who are most impacted by this outbreak in many cases are also those disproportionately impacted by health and education inequities. We understand that the City needs to move quickly, but it is still critical to center community voices in your decision-making.
- **Prioritize programs that improve access to food and child health/development:** The ongoing impacts of the coronavirus will continue to make programs that provide food and child health/development support critical. While the way these supports are provided may need to adjust in this time of business closures and social distancing, we ask that you continue to protect and prioritize funding for these services moving forward. Some immediate needs we are aware of are packing and sanitation supplies for food banks and meal programs and activation of programs (such as the summer meals program) that can help students and their families receive food while schools are closed.
- **Continue transparency initiated by creation of the SBT fund:** We understand and are supportive of quickly reallocated funds to support emergency response needs. We ask that the City still honor the spirit with which a [dedicated SBT fund was created](#) by continuing transparency in how SBT revenues are being deployed to address the current crisis. The CAB appreciated the chance to review this legislation and requests that practice continues moving forward. As the City moves out of this crisis, we also will support efforts to reinstate SBT-funded programs that are set aside during this time.

Thank you for considering our comments,



Jen Moss, Co-Chair



Tanika Thompson, Co-Chair

## Sweetened Beverage Tax Community Advisory Board

Barbara Baquero | Position 2, Food Access Representative  
Rebecca Finkel | Position 3, Food Access Representative  
Laura Flores Cantrell | Position 7, Public Health Representative  
Adrian Lopez-Romero | Position 10, Early Learning Representative  
Dila Perera | Position 11, Early Learning Representative  
Paul Sherman | Position 9, Public Health Representative  
Christina Wong | Position 6, Public Health Representative

**MEMORANDUM****Date:** March 25, 2020**To:** Co-Chairs Jen Moss and Tanika Thompson, SBT Community Advisory Board**From:** Ben Noble, City Budget Office**Subject:** RE: SBT Funds and Emergency Response to the Coronavirus Crisis

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Thank you for your letter in support of the Mayor's Emergency Grocery Voucher Program and in support of Council Bill 119764. Your support is valued. We understand that members of the Community Advisory Board (CAB) have several questions about the City's proposals for funding this program and addressing likely shortfalls in Sweetened Beverage Tax revenues. These questions are reprinted here, in bold, with our responses following.

- 1. What other sources is the City using to fund emergency response programs/services and plan for an economic downturn? The SBT-funded programs being pulled back in this proposal are intended for and were recommended by communities most impacted by health and education inequities. The need for relief in our community is real but should not be at the expense of, or cause additional burden to, the most vulnerable. We would like to see that the city is considering using revenue streams and possible funding reductions in other areas as well to reduce harm to the most vulnerable.**
  - The Mayor has directed that all city departments freeze hiring and freeze or defer discretionary spending not related to COVID-19 response and mitigation or providing essential services. CBO has asked departments to anticipate that these restrictions will remain in place through September 2020. All departments are being asked to redirect significant resources towards COVID-19 response. The City also expects to turn to its emergency and rainy day funds and is pursuing federal and state aid.
  - For the grocery voucher program, the Office of Sustainability and the Environment (OSE) has requested \$5 million with the intention of serving 6,250 households. OSE plans to leverage this amount with another \$15 million in private donations. To finance the city's portion of the costs, CBO proposes redirecting funding from non-essential services and activities and from new programs that have not yet been implemented at the Department of Neighborhoods and Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR). We also propose using a portion of SBT reserve money to complete the funding package.

March 24, 2020

- From the Department of Neighborhoods, the proposal transfers money originally intended for the Healthy Food Fund as well as one-time funding for P-Patch, neither of which has incurred any year-to-date (YTD) spending.
- SPR has incurred some spending on water filling stations, but these remain at an early stage. Given the uncertainty around recreational programming due to the COVID-19 response, SPR will also redirect funding originally planned for expansion of two summer youth programs. At this point in time, the priority has been on maintaining funding for existing programming and redirecting resources that have not yet been spent.

**2. How was the projected shortfall in SBT revenue calculated? In past years, what proportion of SBT revenue has come from restaurant sales versus retail sales?**

- CBO prepares revenue forecasts for the city several times a year and these are incorporated into the budget. We are projecting severe overall revenue declines. For context, an early estimate projected a General Fund decline of well over \$100 million. Based on declines in restaurant and to a lesser extent retail activity, CBO made a preliminary estimate yielding a 21% decline in SBT revenue for 2020. New national forecasts and information about the trajectory of infection rates across the country, imply that this projection could change, and impacts into 2021 are possible as well.
- Since the SBT is a tax on distributors, the City's tax data does not identify the end outlet (restaurant or retail) for consumption. The City's data does show that approximately 35% of the taxes are paid on concentrate distributions and 65% are paid on pre-bottled distributions into the City. However, the City does not have information about what proportion of concentrate distribution goes to restaurants versus other outlets, such as convenience stores. Nor does the City have information on the share of the bottled or canned sweetened beverages that go to restaurants versus other retail outlets.

**3. Why did CBO choose to use only a portion of the reserve fund?**

- Some of the SBT reserves are currently left untapped under the assumption that further reductions will be required. The current forecast of a 21% revenue decline was made before recent announcements of more restrictive social distancing measures and before evidence of an escalating national crisis. It likely now represents a "best case" scenario.

**4. If the City of Seattle receives relief funds from the federal government, how will allocation of those funds be prioritized? Could a portion go towards re-funding programs CBO is proposing to pull back?**

- The City is in active discussions with both the state and the federal government and is hopeful that we will receive direct federal and state aid. At this time, CBO cannot estimate when, how much, or what activities potential federal or state aid packages can support. Should federal or state aid be given to Seattle, we would work with the CAB and the public on how funds should be directed within the scope of SBT.

In your letter, the CAB also posed questions about eligibility and the structure of the program. These questions are addressed by the Office of Sustainability and the Environment in an accompanying memo.

March 24, 2020

I again thank you and the CAB members for your time and effort during these challenging times. If you or CAB members have any additional questions or concerns about this legislation or about the funding plan for the Emergency Grocery Voucher Program, please reach out to my staff, Akshay Iyengar at the City Budget Office.

Cc Shefali Ranganathan, Deputy Mayor  
Jessica Finn Coven, Director, Office of Sustainability & the Environment  
Sharon Lerman, Office of Sustainability & the Environment  
Alyssa Patrick, Office of Sustainability & the Environment  
Akshay Iyengar, City Budget Office  
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**CITY OF SEATTLE**

**RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_**

A RESOLUTION in support of the bid by The City of Seattle to host the National League of Cities 2025 City Summit conference.

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities (NLC) is the country’s oldest, largest, and most representative organization serving municipal governments, with a mission “to strengthen and promote cities as centers of opportunity, leadership, and governance”; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle is a longtime and active member of the NLC and supports the goals of the NLC; and

WHEREAS, the City Summit is the NLC’s annual education, training, and governance conference that is held in a different city every year in November; and

WHEREAS, the NLC is seeking bids to host its City Summit in 2025; and

WHEREAS, Seattle is a dynamic and lively city, offering some of the nation’s top restaurants; famous attractions such as the Space Needle and Pike Place Market; and a vibrant sports, music, and arts scene to entertain and delight attendees and guests of the City Summit; and

WHEREAS, Seattle is home to both vibrant small businesses and globally recognized corporations, boasting the University of Washington, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and other leading research and philanthropic institutions; and

WHEREAS, Seattle is one of the fastest growing cities in the United States and is experiencing investments in public amenities and infrastructure, including extension of Sound Transit’s Link Light Rail service, expansion of the Washington State Convention Center, and development of a new Waterfront Park to

reconnect the city to Elliott Bay; and

WHEREAS, Seattle is a Welcoming City, supporting policies and services that include all residents regardless of immigration status, ancestry, race, ethnicity, national origin, color, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender variance, marital status, physical or mental disability, or religion, and encouraging guests of all backgrounds and identities to visit Seattle; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle would like to encourage the NLC to select Seattle as its choice for its 2025 City Summit, and the Mayor and City Council intend to officially invite the NLC to Seattle by declaring their support for the City's bid to host the City Summit in 2025; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:**

Section 1. The Mayor and City Council support the City's bid to host the National League of Cities (NLC) 2025 City Summit and invite the NLC to conduct a site visit to Seattle in preparation for selecting its host cities for the 2025 City Summits.

Adopted by the City Council the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

Filed by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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**SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE\***

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**1. BILL SUMMARY**

**Legislation Title:** A RESOLUTION in support of the bid by The City of Seattle to host the National League of Cities 2025 City Summit conference.

**Summary and background of the Legislation:** The National League of Cities (NLC) is the country’s oldest, largest, and most representative organization serving municipal governments, and the City of Seattle is a long-time member. Annually, the NLC holds a City Summit which is an education, training, and governance conference. The NLC is currently seeking bids to host its City Summits in 2025, and the City would like Seattle to be selected as the host city for one of these conferences.

This resolution would support a bid to host the 2025 NLC City Summit conference and would invite the NLC to conduct a site visit to Seattle in preparation for selecting its host cities.

**2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?**      \_\_\_ Yes X No

If yes, please fill out the table below and attach a new (if creating a project) or marked-up (if amending) CIP Page to the Council Bill. Please include the spending plan as part of the attached CIP Page. If no, please delete the table.

Project Name:	Project I.D.:	Project Location:	Start Date:	End Date:	Total Project Cost Through 2024:

**3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget?**      \_\_\_ Yes X No

**Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?**

If so, describe the nature of the impacts. This could include increased operating and maintenance costs, for example.

If Seattle is selected to host the 2025 City Summit conference, the creation of a Seattle Host Committee is required. The host committee is responsible for fundraising efforts and securing in-kind sponsorships for the conference. Conference planning will also need to occur. The City will need to work with Visit Seattle to determine responsibility for planning and fundraising, and to determine any staffing or financial impact to the City.



In 2013, the City spent \$250,000 for an event planner and fundraiser, and city staff of various departments planned events. The Office of Intergovernmental Relations devoted 2.5 FTE to planning the conference. In total, the City and its partners raised approximately \$400,000 for the conference. The 2013 event budget was about \$615,000 to host the conference. There were 3,025 attendees that generated 7,121 hotel room nights in mid-November. The economic impact was \$8,038,800 for the city of Seattle.

Visit Seattle estimated that for 2025, there are projected to be 4,500+ attendees, with an estimated Economic Impact of \$13,887,000 for the city of Seattle.

**Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?**

Estimate the costs to the City of not implementing the legislation, including estimated costs to maintain or expand an existing facility or the cost avoidance due to replacement of an existing facility, potential conflicts with regulatory requirements, or other potential costs or consequences.

No

**4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

**a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**

If so, please list the affected department(s) and the nature of the impact (financial, operational, etc.).

Yes. If Seattle is successful in being selected as the host city for the conference, Executive departments, including the Office of Intergovernmental Relations, will likely have a large role in planning and coordination efforts.

**b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**

If yes, what public hearing(s) have been held to date, and/or what public hearing(s) are planned/required in the future?

No

**c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?**

If yes, please describe the measures taken to comply with RCW 64.06.080.

No

**d. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**

For example, legislation related to sale of surplus property, condemnation, or certain capital projects with private partners may require publication of notice. If you aren't sure, please check with your lawyer. If publication of notice is required, describe any steps taken to comply with that requirement.

No

**e. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**

If yes, and if a map or other visual representation of the property is not already included as an exhibit or attachment to the legislation itself, then you must include a map and/or other visual representation of the property and its location as an attachment to the fiscal note. Place a note on the map attached to the fiscal note that indicates the map is intended for illustrative or informational purposes only and is not intended to modify anything in the legislation.

No

**f. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?**

If yes, please explain how this legislation may impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities. Using the racial equity toolkit is one way to help determine the legislation's impact on certain communities. If any aspect of the legislation involves communication or outreach to the public, please describe the plan for communicating with non-English speakers.

No

**g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s).**

This answer should highlight measurable outputs and outcomes.

NA

**List attachments/exhibits below:**



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**CITY OF SEATTLE**

**RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_**

A RESOLUTION calling on Governor Inslee to impose an immediate moratorium on rent payments and urging the Governor to call on federal legislators and the Trump administration to impose an immediate moratorium on rent and mortgage payments; and calling on federal legislators and the Trump administration to impose an immediate moratorium on rent and mortgage payments.

WHEREAS, novel coronavirus (COVID-19) first appeared in December 2019 and has spread throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020 the first case in the United States was identified in Washington, on February 24, 2020 the first death in the United States was identified in Washington, and on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Washington Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency to help the state prepare for broader spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2020, Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan issued a proclamation of civil emergency to ramp up the city's efforts to prepare for and respond to local cases of coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, Seattle and Washington are responding in strong and definitive ways to slow the spread and save lives, with the Governor Jay Inslee amending Proclamation 20-05, ordering residents to shelter-in-place and cease non-essential activities as of March 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, because of these orders and the impact on service and other industries, labor organizations representing hospitality workers estimate that 80 percent or more of hospitality workers will lose their jobs; along with thousands of arts, travel, nonprofit, retail, and service workers; and

WHEREAS, in the week preceding March 25, unemployment claims to the Washington Department of

Employment Security increased by 700 percent; and

WHEREAS, those workers who are eligible for unemployment insurance are drawing only a fraction of what they would otherwise earn with a maximum of \$790 per week and many workers are not eligible for any unemployment benefits at all; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Reserve has found that 40 percent of Americans do not have cash on hand to cover an unexpected expense of \$400 and a recent survey by CareerBuilder found that 78 percent of American workers are living paycheck-to-paycheck; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with the Seattle City Council, Mayor Jenny Durkan has ordered a 60-day moratorium on residential and commercial evictions for nonpayment of rent due to COVID-19 loss of income, but renters are still obligated to pay landlords, and mortgage-holders are still obligated to pay lenders; and

WHEREAS, according to Zillow, the average monthly rent on an apartment in Seattle is now \$2,600, one of the highest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Appendix to the Seattle Comprehensive Plan indicates that extremely low income Seattleites (earning less than 30 percent of Adjusted Median Income (AMI)) and very low income households (earning less than 50 percent of AMI) continue to be the overwhelming majority of households facing severe housing cost burdens, while 47 percent of all Seattleites are rent burdened; and

WHEREAS, retaining the obligation to pay would mean that those who defer payments will accumulate significant personal debt; and

WHEREAS, when the public health crisis subsides, Seattleites must be able to resume everyday activities, including going back to service sector and other jobs; and

WHEREAS, it is critically important that Seattleites who currently have housing are not made homeless or destitute because of this public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, the State of Emergency declared by Governor Jay Inslee, opens the opportunity to use certain

emergency powers under the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (chapters 38.08, 38.52, and 43.06 of the Revised Code of Washington); and

WHEREAS, one of the first responses to the economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis by the US federal government was to inject \$1.5 trillion on March 12, 2020 in loans to banks to stabilize the economy; and

WHEREAS, to date no rent relief program is in place and mortgage forbearance guidance for single-family homeowner mortgages has been issued by Freddie Mac, but that guidance remains subject to individual banks to decide if and how to implement; and

WHEREAS, banks are therefore able to withstand nonpayment of debt during this emergency and work out extensions and other ways for debt to be refinanced when the health emergency is over; and

WHEREAS, by halting mortgage payments during this time, the urgent need for landlords to collect rent will be paused; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:**

Section 1. The Seattle City Council calls on Governor Inslee:

A. To use emergency powers to impose an immediate moratorium on residential and commercial rent payments, such that no Seattleite should be required to pay rent during this health emergency or accumulate debt for unpaid rent; and

B. To call on federal legislators and President Trump’s administration to impose an immediate moratorium on residential and commercial mortgage payments, such that no owner of Seattle property should be required to pay mortgage during this health emergency or accumulate additional debt for unpaid mortgage payments.

Section 2. The Seattle City Council calls on members of the United States Congress, specifically Representatives Pramila Jayapal, Adam Smith, and Financial Services Committee Chair Maxine Waters, and Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, to impose an immediate moratorium on residential and commercial

mortgage payments and rents, such that no owner of property in the nation should be required to pay mortgage during this health emergency or accumulate additional debt for unpaid mortgage payments, and no renter in the nation should be required to pay rent during this health emergency or accumulate debt for unpaid rent.

Section 3. The Seattle City Council calls on President Trump to issue an executive order to impose an immediate moratorium on residential and commercial mortgage payments and rents, such that no owner of property in the nation should be required to pay mortgage during this health emergency or accumulate additional debt for unpaid mortgage payments, and no renter in the nation should be required to pay rent during this health emergency or accumulate debt for unpaid rent.

Section 4. The City Council requests that the Office of Intergovernmental Relations deliver copies of this resolution, upon adoption, to Governor Jay Inslee, United States Representatives Pramila Jayapal, Adam Smith, and Maxine Waters, United States Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, and President Donald Trump.

Adopted by the City Council the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

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**Summary and background of the Legislation:**

This legislation calls on the Governor, specific Unites States Representatives, and the President of the United States to exercise their authority to impose an immediate moratorium on residential and commercial mortgage and rent payments.

On January 21, 2020 the first case of COVID-19 in the United States was identified in Washington. On February 24, 2020 the first death in the United States occurred in Washington. On February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency. On March 3, 2020, Mayor Jenny Durkan issued a proclamation of civil emergency to ramp up the City’s efforts to prepare for and respond to local cases of coronavirus. Because of the state of emergency and the impact on service and other industries many Seattle workers will lose their jobs. In the week preceding March 25, unemployment claims to the Washington Department of Employment Security increased by 700 percent. The Federal Reserve has found that 40 percent of Americans do not have cash on hand to cover an unexpected expense of \$400.

In consultation with the Seattle City Council, Mayor Jenny Durkan has ordered a 60-day moratorium on residential and commercial evictions for nonpayment of rent due to COVID-19 loss of income, but renters are still obligated to pay landlords, and mortgage-holders are still obligated to pay lenders.

According to Zillow, the average monthly rent on an apartment in Seattle is now \$2,600, one of the highest in the nation. the Housing Appendix to the Seattle Comprehensive Plan indicates that extremely low income Seattleites (earning less than 30 percent of Adjusted Median Income (AMI)) and very low income households (earning less than 50 percent of AMI) continue to be the overwhelming majority of households facing severe housing cost burdens, while 47 percent of all Seattleites are rent burdened. Maintaining the obligation to pay would mean that those who defer payments will accumulate significant personal debt.

## 2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

**Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?** \_\_\_ Yes X No

If yes, please fill out the table below and attach a new (if creating a project) or marked-up (if amending) CIP Page to the Council Bill. Please include the spending plan as part of the attached CIP Page. If no, please delete the table.

## 3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

**Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget?** \_\_\_ Yes X No

**Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?**

NA

**Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?**

NA

## 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

**a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**

NA

**b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**

NA

**c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?**

NA

**d. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**

NA

**e. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**

NA

**f. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged**



**communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?**

NA

**g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s).**

NA

**List attachments/exhibits below:**



Legislation Text

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**CITY OF SEATTLE**

**RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_**

A RESOLUTION adding the West Seattle Bridge emergency closure and repairs to the Watch List of capital projects for enhanced quarterly monitoring established in Resolution 31931.

WHEREAS, in Resolution 31931, the Seattle City Council (“Council”) established a Watch List of large,

complex, discrete capital projects that will require enhanced quarterly monitoring reports for the 2020 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Seattle Department of Transportation closed the high-rise West Seattle

Bridge to all traffic due to accelerated concrete cracking that was identified during regular bridge inspection; and

WHEREAS, the West Seattle Bridge will require near-term structural stabilization, as well as long-term repairs,

to allow for the reopening and continued operations of the bridge; and

WHEREAS, the closure of the West Seattle Bridge requires the diversion of traffic to the Spokane Street

Bridge, 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Bridge, and South Park Bridge, and may require other road and signal improvements to handle the diverted traffic, such as improvements to the Highland Park Way SW and SW Holden

Street intersection; and

WHEREAS, the Council intends to track work related to the near-term and long-term repair of the West Seattle

Bridge and any mitigation projects necessary during closure; and

WHEREAS, the Council anticipates future amendments to the 2020-2025 Adopted Capital Improvement

Program to account for changes in appropriations to support these repairs and improvements; NOW,

THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. In addition to the capital projects listed in Section 1 of Resolution 31931, the Seattle City Council (“Council”) requests that the Mayor add any capital projects with spending related to the near-term repair, long-term repair, and mitigation during closure of the West Seattle Bridge to the 2020 Watch List for enhanced quarterly reporting as described in Section 2 of Resolution 31931.

Adopted by the City Council the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

The Mayor concurred the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Filed by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

**SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE\***

<b>Department:</b>	<b>Dept. Contact/Phone:</b>	<b>CBO Contact/Phone:</b>
Legislature	Chow/x4-4652	N.A.

*\* Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

**1. BILL SUMMARY**

**Legislation Title:**

A RESOLUTION adding the West Seattle Bridge emergency closure and repairs to the Watch List of capital projects for enhanced quarterly monitoring established in Resolution 31931.

**Summary and background of the Legislation:**

On March 23, 2020, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) closed the high-rise West Seattle Bridge to all traffic due to accelerated concrete cracking that was identified during regular bridge inspection. Before reopening the bridge, SDOT will need to perform near-term and long-term repairs to stabilize the bridge structure.

The West Seattle Bridge closure will also divert traffic to the Spokane Street Bridge, 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Bridge, and South Park Bridge, and may require other road and signal improvements to handle the diverted traffic, such as improvements to the Highland Park Way SW and SW Holden Street intersection.

This legislation requests that the Executive report on capital projects related to the West Seattle Bridge and traffic diversion as part of the enhanced quarterly monitoring report established by Resolution 31931.

**2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?  Yes  No

**3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget?  Yes  No

**Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?**

The estimated cost of repairs for the West Seattle Bridge are not known at this time. The intent of this legislation is to keep Council informed as potential costs become known. This legislation requests reports on capital spending related to the West Seattle Bridge, but does not have any direct financial impacts.

**Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?**

This legislation requests reports on capital spending related to the West Seattle Bridge. There are no direct financial impacts if this legislation were not implemented.

**4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

**a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**

This legislation requests that SDOT and the Executive report on West Seattle Bridge capital projects.

**b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**

No.

**c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?**

No.

**d. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**

No.

**e. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**

No.

**f. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?**

No Race and Social Justice implications identified.

**g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s).**

This legislation supports the Council's continued oversight of the City's capital program. The capital needs for repair of the West Seattle Bridge are currently unknown.

**List attachments/exhibits below:**

None.

Amendment 1 to Resolution 31942

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**Amendment 1 to CB Resolution 31942: Adding West Seattle Bridge work to the Capital Project Watch List**

Sponsors: Councilmembers Herbold and Pedersen

Meeting: City Council

Date: March 30, 2020

Description:

This would amend Resolution 31942 to add a new second recital noting the West Seattle Bridge is the busiest roadway in Seattle, under normal circumstances carrying 100,000 vehicles and 17,000 transit riders daily.

Notes:

Double underlines indicate new language to be added.

~~Double strikethroughs indicate~~ language proposed to be removed.

**Amendment**

WHEREAS, under normal conditions, the West Seattle Bridge is the busiest roadway in the City of Seattle, handling some 100,000 vehicle per weekday along with 17,000 transit riders, and ferry traffic from Vashon Island and Kitsap County; and