

2016 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Report by Special Task Force on Chinatown/International District

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The Council requests that the Special Task Force on the Chinatown/International District report to the Council on their recommendations on public safety and neighborhood vitality.

By March 31, 2016, the Task Force should provide the Council with a written report that accomplishes the following:

1. Identifies strategies for a new model for neighborhood policing, which will build on the micro-policing plans and community policing plans initiated by Chief O’Toole. The strategies should be replicable in other neighborhoods throughout the City, while flexible enough to reflect the unique situations or dynamics of other diverse neighborhoods; and
2. Identifies strategies for a culturally and linguistically responsive data-driven approach to improving the City’s relations to and effectiveness with the Chinatown/International District, which will also inform the City’s engagement with all other neighborhoods.

Background

The Mayor established a Special Task Force on the Chinatown/International District to identify innovative strategies that address the following areas:

1. Public safety and policing issues that will focus on:

- Exploring the feasibility for the Chinatown/ID neighborhood to be included in the geographic boundaries of one single precinct, as opposed to being divided in two separate precincts;
 - Strategies to increase police visibility and positive engagement with the neighborhood and community;
 - Strategies to improve public safety education given a predominantly multi-lingual, immigrant/refugee neighborhood population; and
 - Strategies to improve 911 service responsiveness and capacity challenges related to multi-lingual and multicultural reporting.
2. Development of neighborhood vitality metrics that include:
- Identification of baseline data around crime and social, health, and housing services in the neighborhood;
 - Developing baseline data and metrics for economic development; and
 - Improving the City's responsiveness to neighborhood concerns in a culturally and linguistically responsive way.

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