



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Title: A RESOLUTION calling for additional actions by the City and its partners to advance the vision of the Uptown Urban Design Framework, leverage new investments at Seattle Center to support mobility and promote livability in the Uptown Urban Center as both Uptown and Seattle Center grow, and to update the Seattle Center Century 21 Master Plan.

Notes:

Filed with City Clerk: 10/11/2017

Mayor's Signature: 10/11/2017

Sponsors: Johnson

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Veto Sustained:

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Drafter: patrick.wigren@seattle.gov

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Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Clerk	09/05/2017	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office						
	Notes:						
1	Council President's Office	09/07/2017	sent for review	Planning, Land Use, and Zoning Committee			
	Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Planning, Land Use, and Zoning Committee						
	Notes:						
1	Full Council	09/18/2017	referred	Planning, Land Use, and Zoning Committee			
	Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was referred. to the Planning, Land Use, and Zoning Committee						
	Notes:						

- 1 Planning, Land Use, and Zoning Committee 09/19/2017 adopt as amended Pass
Action Text: The Committee recommends that Full Council adopt as amended the Resolution (Res).
Notes:
 In Favor: 4 Chair Johnson, Vice Chair O'Brien, Alternate González , Bagshaw
 Opposed: 0

 - 2 Full Council 10/02/2017 adopted Pass
Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution:
 In Favor: 7 Councilmember Bagshaw, Councilmember González , Councilmember Herbold, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Sawant
 Opposed: 0

 - 2 City Clerk 10/04/2017 submitted for Mayor
 Mayor's signature
Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor
Notes:

 - 2 Mayor 10/11/2017 Signed
 - 2 Mayor 10/11/2017 returned City Clerk
 - 2 City Clerk 10/11/2017 attested by City Clerk
Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was attested by City Clerk.
Notes:
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CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION 31772

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5 of the Uptown Urban Design Framework, leverage new investments at Seattle Center to
6 support mobility and promote livability in the Uptown Urban Center as both Uptown and
7 Seattle Center grow, and to update the Seattle Center Century 21 Master Plan.
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9 WHEREAS, Uptown was designated an Urban Center by the City Council when it adopted
10 Seattle's Comprehensive Plan in 1994; and

11 WHEREAS, Urban Centers are to receive a significant share of citywide growth over time and a
12 concentration of jobs and housing of regional significance; and

13 WHEREAS, the Seattle City Council recognized the Queen Anne Community Plan as the
14 community's vision for growth in the neighborhood, including the Uptown Urban Center;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the Seattle City Council has adopted goals and policies for growth in the Uptown
17 Urban Center; and

18 WHEREAS, the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) has worked with the
19 Uptown neighborhood, including the Uptown Alliance, to develop an Urban Design
20 Framework that establishes a vision for the future development of Uptown; and

21 WHEREAS, the Uptown Urban Center has been designated as an Arts & Culture District and
22 will leverage the resources of Seattle Center to be a regional arts destination; and

23 WHEREAS, designation of Uptown as an Arts & Culture District will advance the neighborhood
24 identity as a regional destination for arts and culture; and

1 WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted development regulations that advance the vision of
2 the Urban Design Framework to strengthen the connections between the Uptown Urban
3 Center and the Seattle Center; and

4 WHEREAS, Seattle Center is a world-renowned 74-acre gathering place for civic, cultural, arts,
5 entertainment and sports events and activities that began with the 1962 Seattle World's
6 Fair and accommodates over 12 million visits annually; and

7 WHEREAS, Seattle Center's mission is to create exceptional events, experiences and
8 environments that delight and inspire the human spirit to build strong communities; and

9 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle (City) is committed to ensuring that Seattle Center remains a
10 welcoming place for all that reflects the City's values for equity and inclusion; and

11 WHEREAS, the Seattle Center Century 21 Master Plan was adopted by the Seattle City Council
12 in 2008 to set a 20-year vision, and since then many remarkable changes have taken place
13 and others are planned on the Seattle Center campus and citywide creating new
14 opportunities and challenges for Seattle Center; and

15 WHEREAS, Seattle is the fastest growing U.S. city with approximately 110,000 new residents
16 since 2008, making Seattle Center an even more important neighborhood amenity to the
17 residents of the surrounding neighborhoods in Uptown, South Lake Union, and Belltown;
18 and,

19 WHEREAS, significant changes have occurred in these surrounding neighborhoods since the
20 2008 Seattle Center Century 21 Master Plan including the opening of the Bill & Melinda
21 Gates Foundation, the emergence of South Lake Union as a high-technology center and
22 dense urban residential neighborhood, and the completion of South Lake Union Park, the
23 Museum of History and Industry, and the Mercer Corridor projects; and

1 WHEREAS, the Seattle Center Century 21 Master Plan Planning and Design principles and

2 Seattle Center Design Guidelines provide guidance for the Seattle Center campus; and

3 WHEREAS, relocation of several current Seattle Center tenants and the Seattle Center campus

4 maintenance facility may be necessary and campus features may be displaced; and

5 WHEREAS, development of new affordable housing on City-owned property will expand the

6 diversity of housing opportunities in Uptown; and

7 WHEREAS, the City is considering a proposed private investment in the renovation of the

8 Seattle Center Arena of over \$500 million to redevelop it as a world-class civic arena to

9 attract and present music, entertainment, and sports events, potentially including NBA

10 and NHL events, which will require addressing many issues including design, integration

11 with and enhancing connections to the Seattle Center campus and Uptown and adjoining

12 neighborhoods, multi-modal transportation needs, parking, and others; and

13 WHEREAS, Seattle Center Arena renovation will require an Environmental Impact Statement

14 (EIS); and

15 WHEREAS, the Seattle Center Arena EIS may identify potential mobility mitigation measures;

16 and

17 WHEREAS, the private owners of the Space Needle propose to reinvest over \$100 million in a

18 major renovation; and

19 WHEREAS, Seattle Public Schools owns approximately nine acres of property adjacent to

20 Seattle Center and is planning to build a new Memorial Stadium and high school; and

21 WHEREAS, Sound Transit is planning for a light rail station to serve the Uptown/Seattle Center

22 area which will create a new point of arrival for Seattle Center and Uptown as part of the

23 Sound Transit 2 (ST2) or Sound Transit 3 (ST3) projects/stations; and

1 WHEREAS, important transportation improvements are on the horizon including the completion
2 of the State Route 99 (SR 99) tunnel and opening of the North Portal, reconnection of
3 Harrison, Thomas, and John Streets across SR 99 to rejoin street access between Uptown
4 and South Lake Union, completion of ST2 projects that will enhance transit connections
5 to Seattle Center, siting of ST3 stations on or nearby the Seattle Center campus, and the
6 implementation of the Lake to Bay Streetscape Concept Plan connecting South Lake
7 Union to the Waterfront; and

8 WHEREAS, the City with regional partners is developing the One Center City study, which will
9 prepare a long-range mobility and public realm plan and visions for the center city,
10 including north Downtown neighborhoods; and

11 WHEREAS, the 2017 Uptown & Seattle Center Strategic Parking Study identifies strategies for
12 managing future parking needs as Seattle Center and Uptown grow; and

13 WHEREAS, new development regulations for Uptown include provisions to preserve landmarks
14 and vulnerable masonry structures; and

15 WHEREAS, design guidance for new development in the Uptown Urban Center currently relies
16 on neighborhood design guidelines from 2005 and these guidelines do not completely
17 reflect emerging conditions and opportunities; and

18 WHEREAS, while land use regulations can act as a catalyst for new development in a
19 neighborhood, zoning changes alone cannot achieve all policy goals related to urban
20 design, social equity, and community revitalization, and transportation. NOW,

21 THEREFORE,

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

1 The Council declares its intent to support the growth and livability of the Uptown Urban Center
2 and requests that City departments carry out initiatives to support growth and livability that
3 include, but are not limited to, the following:

4 A. Seattle Center, in coordination with other City Departments, is requested to:

5 1. Update the Seattle Center Century 21 Master Plan to serve the diverse needs
6 and desires of visitors for generations to come, while coordinating planning and design of
7 projects and initiatives, transportation mobility, parking, and financial sustainability.

8 2. Engage the public, particularly Uptown residents and businesses, and Seattle
9 Center stakeholders to seek and respond to their input throughout the Master Plan update
10 process.

11 3. Form partnerships with and determine roles for the Seattle Center Advisory
12 Commission and Seattle Center Foundation.

13 4. Work collaboratively with Seattle Public Schools on the planning and design of
14 the proposed new Memorial Stadium and high school at Seattle Center in accordance with the
15 *Seattle Public Schools and City of Seattle Partnership Agreement related to Memorial Stadium*
16 *and Seattle Center.*

17 5. Proceed with an interjurisdictional transfer of property to Office of Housing of
18 land located on Mercer Street between 2nd and 3rd Ave N for the development of affordable
19 housing in the Uptown Urban Center.

20 B. As a part of the proposed Seattle Center Arena redevelopment, if non-City funding
21 becomes available to pay for the development of a North Downtown Mobility Action Plan and
22 provide transportation implementation funds, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)
23 should work with the community to develop such a plan that would prioritize multimodal

1 transportation investments, including investments identified in previous studies and current
2 studies such as One Center City, to effectively support access to Seattle Center and provide
3 greater mobility options to the Uptown Urban Center.

4 C. The Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD), SDOT, the Seattle
5 Planning Commission, the Seattle Design Commission, and Seattle Center should engage with
6 Sound Transit on ST3 station planning and siting in the Uptown Urban Center to best site the
7 light rail station to serve the Seattle Center campus and Uptown Urban Center and coordinate
8 this planning with the Seattle Center Master Plan update. As part of this planning, determine
9 how Republican Street can be designed to strengthen the connections between the Uptown Urban
10 Center and Seattle Center.

11 D. OPCD should work with the Uptown community to update the Uptown Neighborhood
12 Design Guidelines to align with the Citywide guidelines, provide guidance on Uptown specific
13 development standards, and reflect the principles of the Uptown Urban Design Framework.

14 E. OPCD should work with the Department of Neighborhoods (DON) to complete a
15 Historic Resources Survey to identify potential landmarks in the Uptown Urban Center.

16 F. The Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections should develop business
17 practices to provide for bonding or other securities to enhance the function of the vulnerable
18 masonry structure TDR or TDP program for both Uptown and the University District Urban
19 Center.

20 G. OPCD and DON should study TDR programs for historic landmarks and identify
21 options for improving the overall dynamics of the landmark TDR market to ensure that the
22 program functions to both preserve existing landmarks and provide a true economic incentive for
23 owners of landmarked properties. Council requests that OPCD and DON report to the Council

1 by June 30, 2018 on options to improve the landmark TDR market. The report should (1)
2 identify and inventory landmark TDR sending and receiving sites, (2) identify regulatory and
3 policy barriers to the transfer of development rights from landmark structures, and (3) analyze
4 and make recommendations on options for improving the landmark TDR market, including, but
5 not limited to, modifying boundaries for sending and receiving areas, allowing limited transfers
6 between receiving areas, and further capitalizing the TDR bank.

7 H. The Office of Arts and Culture and the Office of Housing is requested to work
8 collaboratively with the Uptown Arts & Culture Coalition to identify opportunities to align
9 affordable housing strategies with the Arts & Culture Overlay District designation for Uptown.
10 Those strategies could include, but are not limited to, marketing affordable units to artists,
11 identification of barriers to development of dwelling units for artists on the ground floor of
12 mixed-use buildings, development of affordable units for all workers in arts organizations, and
13 development of other supportive partnerships. City-owned land located on Mercer Street
14 between 2nd and 3rd Ave North should have priority consideration for new affordable housing
15 development.

1 Adopted by the City Council the 2nd day of October, 2017,
2 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 2nd day of
3 October, 2017.

4 ROB JOHNSON
5 President Pro Tem of the City Council

6 The Mayor concurred the 11th day of October, 2017.

7 Tim Burgess
8 Tim Burgess, Mayor

9 Filed by me this 11th day of OCTOBER, 2017.

10 Monica B. Simmons
11 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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